

The Second City (reel)

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The chords are indicated above the notes. The first staff has chords: Am, Am, F, C, Dm, G. The second staff has chords: Am, Am, Dm7, G, F, G, Am. The third staff has chords: C, C, Am, C, Em, Am. The fourth staff has chords: C, C, Em, Am, G, F, G, Am. The fifth staff has chords: Am, Am, G, Am, Em, Am, G. The sixth staff has chords: Am, Am, Em, C, Am7, F, G, Am. There are repeat signs at the end of the second and fourth staves.

This tune has existed for many years as "Seventh City" which I always thought was a nickname for Dublin (although I couldn't figure out why). Well, there's a good reason: it turns out the phrase is "Second City", as in "Second City of the British Empire" (London of course being Number One). Even though Ireland has not been part of the Empire for many years, it's nice to know that Dublin was thought of so highly!