

The Humors of Lanacane

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The musical score consists of four staves of music in 6/8 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: Dm, C, Edim, Dm, F, Am, Bb, A7, Dm, A, Dm, Bb, Dm, C, Dm, F, C, Dm, C7, Gm, F, C, Dm, A, Dm, F, Am, C7, Dm.

Even I admit that this is a weird tune. Joe and Willie Kelly - bless their hearts - took it seriously enough not only to learn it, but to make it sound good - no mean achievement!

'Lanacane' is a rather obscure parish in South Louth famous (perhaps too strong a word) for its transient population of fruit bats. Apparently the place name derives from Gaelic 'lán' meaning 'full of' and 'Catháin', a family name usually translated as Kane. However no Kanes have ever lived in this parish, a fact which only adds to the romantic mystery that the local tourist board is desperately trying to generate.

I humbly suggest that any connection between Lanacane the place and the popular anti-itch cream of the same name deserves explanation. Any Celtic Studies Ph.D.candidates out there willing to give it a shot?

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T:Humors of Lanacane, The

C:© BB

F:128hu_lana

R:jig

Q:160

M:6/8

L:1/8

K:Dm

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D/E/ | "Dm"FEF "C"GAc | "Edim"^cBc "Dm"d2 e | "F"fga "Am"ecA | "Bb"Bcd "A7"^cGE |  
"Dm"FDD ADD | "A"^cDD "Dm"d2 A | "Bb"BA d "Dm"AFD | "C"ECE "Dm"D2 : |  
A | "F"a2 f "C"gfe | "Dm"ded "C7"cBA | "Gm"B2 G "F"AGF | "C"EFG E3 |  
"Dm"FDD ADD | "A"^cDD "Dm"d2 e | "F"fga "Am"ecA | "C7"BGE "Dm"D2 : |
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