

The Second City (reel)

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The image shows a musical score for a reel in 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. 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. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 once thought of so highly.

T:Second City (reel), The

C:© BB

F:267second_c

R:reel

Q:180

M:4/4

L:1/8

K:Am

cd|"Am"eAcB AE E2|"Am"Aece Aecel"F"cA^GA "C"=GECE|"Dm"AFAc "G"B2 cd|
"Am"eAcB AE E2|"Am"Aece Aecel"Dm7"afdc "G"BGBd|"F"cA"G"BG "Am"A2 :|
AB|"C"cG^FG EGGAI"C"cd eg "Am"aged|"C"cG^FG "Em"EDEGI"Am"ABcB A3 BI
"C"cG^FG EGGAI"C"cbcd "Em"edeg|"Am"a2 ba "G"gedBI"F"cA"G"BG "Am"A2 :|
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