The Harlequinade Quadrilles

Felix Burns (1863-1920), arranged by Kim Tame

Felix Burns was born in Perth, Scotland, but lived for most of his life in Carlisle, England. He was a prolific composer of popular music. His busy life included teaching music, and serving his local church as choir director and organist; not to mention his 13 children (of whom nine survived to adulthood) with his wife. Catherine.

This set for a Quadrilles dance is from the Harlequinade Dance Album, published in 1913 (a harlequinade is part of a pantomime, the principal parts being taken by Harlequin and a clown.

He published sixteen dance albums and many solo piano pieces; this set for a lancers dance was one of five pieces published in The Excelsior Dance Album, published in 1917. He often utilised popular folk tunes; this set includes Rakes of Mallow, The Girl I Left Behind Me, Paddy Will You Love Me? The Brown Irish Girl, Irish Washerwoman, Rory O'More, Garry Owen, Sprig of Shillelah, Irish Emigrant, Light and Airy, Irish Whiskey and The Rollicking Irishman.

Felix Burns composed for musicians of all abilities, giving the opportunity for players of different levels to get together, make music and bring joy to others.

Version: Piano with added chord symbols.

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