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Reading the notes

An Apostrophe is used to signal a 'high' note: D _ normal, D' _ high D

The symbol _ indicates a note should be held for an extra beat

|DDD| has the same beats as |D_D| or |D__|

The numbers represent fingers

The Dingle Polka - Key of D

1

1 2 3 2 2 2 1 2 1 2 3 2 2 2

D E F# G A G F# E D E F# G A _ A _

1 2 3 2 2 2 1 2 1 2 3 2 2 2

D E F# G A G F# E D E F# A G _ G _

X2

2

4 3 2 2 3 2 1 2 3 2 2 2

D' B A G B _ A _ D E F# G A _ A _

4 3 2 2 3 2 1 2 3 2 2 2

D' B A G B _ A _ D E F# A G _ G _

X2

Tom McGowan's Polka - Key of E minor

1

3 3 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2

B_ B A F# A D A B_ B A B D' E' D'

3 3 2 1 2 1 2 3 2 1 2 1 1 1

B_ B A F# A D E F# E D A F# E_ E_

X2

2

1 2 2 3 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 3 2 2 2 2

B E' E' F# E' D' B A B E' E' F# E' D' B C#

3 2 3 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 2 1 1 1

D' C# D' B A F# D E F# E D A F# E_ E_