

# HOEDOWNER

## Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to  
Karen Bennett  
of District 3 for  
providing  
Tune of the Month  
for February

Cock o' the North is a 6/8 military march, bagpipe tune and jig. The title comes from the nickname of Alexander Gordon, 4th Duke of Gordon, who in 1794 raised the 92nd Regiment of Foot, which later became the Gordon Highlanders. The composer is unknown, but it first appeared in print in 1816 as a violin tune.

At the Siege of Lucknow, during the Indian Mutiny of 1857, 12-year-old Drummer Ross of the 93rd Highlanders signalled the arrival of his regiment to the besieged garrison, by climbing the spire of the Shah Najaf Mosque and playing "Cock o' the North" on his bugle, while under heavy fire from the rebel forces.

[Ryan Thomson](#)  
plays  
[Cock o' the North](#)  
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### Cock o' the North (D)

Musical score for "Cock o' the North" in D major, 6/8 time. The score consists of four staves. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign and a D chord above the first measure. The second staff continues the melody with D and A chords, followed by first and second endings. The third staff starts with a repeat sign and a D chord. The fourth staff continues with D and A chords, also including first and second endings.

### Cock o' the North (G)

Musical score for "Cock o' the North" in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of four staves. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. It begins with a repeat sign and a G chord above the first measure. The second staff continues the melody with G and D chords, followed by first and second endings. The third staff starts with a repeat sign and a G chord. The fourth staff continues with G and D chords, also including first and second endings.