

Paddy on the Handcar

Score

Violin

Am G

5 Am C G E7 Am

9 Am G D

13 Am C G E7 Am

This version is published in "Roses in Winter: A Celebration of Fiddlers in Washington State," edited by Stuart Williams and Brid Nowlan. Forty years ago, Stuart and I were learning this tune together, from Wes Brunson of Milwaukie. As I recall, he came to Oregon from North Dakota. A favorite throughout Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the northern U.S., this tune is part of a large and varied family of tunes, most of which were titled "Paddy on the Turnpike." "Handcar" in the title of this one pretty clearly connects this version to the U.S. and the Irish immigrants working on the railroad.

--Linda Danielson