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About the piece

Title: Tabhair dom do Lamh (Give me your Hand) [new

ornamented arrangement]

Composer: O Cathain, Ruaidri Dall

Arranger: Raffine, Jacques

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Publisher: Raffine, Jacques **Instrumentation:** accordion, flute, violin

Style: Celtic

Comment: A very popular piece, often heard at Irish weddings.

This PDF includes three sheets of music 1. my new ornamented arrangement 2. the unadorned version 3. a copy, with remarks, of Bunting's 1840 version

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Tabhair dom do Lámh (Give Me Your Hand)

new ornamented arrangement



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modern version of the tune (without ornamentation)



It was written by the Irish harpist Ruaidri Dáll Ó Catháin in about 1603. His name translates to Blind Rory O'Kane.

The tune was included in Edward Bunting's "The Ancient Music of Ireland", published in Dublin, 1840, and the modern tune differs in several respects...

- a. the tempo is now generally rather slower, down from 96 beats per minute to around 54bpm. This, together with the change of time signature from 6/8 to 3/4, has altered the character of the piece. A quick canter has become more of a steady trot.
- b. the melody of Bunting's bars 5, 13 and 25 have now been modified to give a busier feel, and the final few notes have been slightly changed. Notably, bars 7thru10 in Bunting have additional variety and sparkle with some of the melody scored up an octave. This point is lost in the modern version.
- c. the harmonies given by Bunting are extremely plain, being simply G and C/G, and, in just one bar, D/F#. That can become tedious to listen to, and the modern version uses more pleasant, interesting harmonies.



extract from The Ancient Music of Ireland, Bunting, 1840