

Fáinne Geal an Lae (The Dawning of the Day)

Thomas Connellan
(1625 – 1698)

Key of D setting

Key of D setting

Key of G setting

Key of G setting

arr. Peter McLaren

One of the best known tunes by 17th century harper Thomas Connellan of Co. Sligo who was reputed to have composed between 700 and 800 tunes. 'Fáinne Geal an Lae' literally means 'bright ring of the day' but is most commonly translated as 'Dawning of the Day'. It is also known by the name 'The Golden Star' and is the basis of the tune used for Patrick Kavanagh's poem/song 'On Raglan Road'.