

# Hector the Hero

## Coronach

(lament for a fallen warrior)

J. Scott Skinner

March 27, 1903

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of six staves of music. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some half notes. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: C, F, and G. A box labeled 'A' is placed above the first measure. A repeat sign is located at the end of the second staff, with first and second endings marked '1.C' and '2.C'. A box labeled 'B' is placed above the first measure of the third staff. A box labeled 'B'' is placed above the first measure of the fifth staff. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

"Hector the Hero" was Sir Hector MacDonald, born in Ross-shire, Scotland (1833), died in Paris, France (1903). He served at the battle of Khartoum and was knighted in 1901. He was aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria and a Major-General in the British Army. Rumors and impending court-martial drove him to suicide on March 25, 1903. J. Scott Skinner composed this lament upon hearing of his death.

(The melody line was taken from Skinner's original hand-written manuscript; the original key was A major.)