

THE ORANGE AND BLUE

HIGHLAND STRATHSPEY

*circa 1920s
composer unknown*

♩=112 *Intro*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). It consists of five staves. The first staff is an introduction. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with an asterisk. The fourth and fifth staves also contain musical notation with repeat signs at the end.

Orange refers to the House of Orange, Dutch monarchs whose descendent William III invaded England, Scotland, and Ireland in 1688 at the invitation of the English parliament in a successful campaign to displace catholic King James. According to at least one source, Blue refers to "True Blue", a vow of allegiance to the new protestant crown.

This is a popular tune for Highland dance competitions. Sometimes pipers omit the repeats and play the whole tune twice.