

The first tune in this set is sometimes called the Blackhaired Lass, or Ryan's. The tune shows up on the popular Foinn session recordings (vol. 2) as well as on 2016 MIM Artists Pride of New York's album, and on CIM instructor Seán Gavin's album with NicGavisky: Home Away From Home. "Redican" refers to fiddler Larry Redican of Sligo and New York, who composed many great tunes, although he didn't write this one. His mother was said to have lived to be over 100 and played the tin whistle until the day she died, so the title honors her. The second tune has a similar melody to the Irish song "The Whistling Thief" and shows up on CIM friend Nathan Gourley's album with Laura Fedderson: Life is All Checkered, which is backed by CIM instructor Brian Miller.



