

Tune of the Month

District 10's Selection, Metsakukkia

I first learned this tune as part of the open band repertoire for contradances with the South Coast Folk Society. Then, after hearing it also played by Jim Kuether, I thought it would be good for "tune of the month." If you would like a copy of the triple fiddle harmonies version, feel free to email me and I will send you a PDF file of it. Thanks to Noel Lareau (WOTFA) for providing the harmony version.

To hear Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen playing this lovely waltz, go to youtube and search for "Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen Metsakukkia". A video of these two great Oregon fiddlers will come up, along with them playing "Tronda Burra" ("Bride's Waltz") as well. You can even practice your harmony part to these tunes while playing along with their melodies on Youtube!

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Metsäkukkia

The musical score for "Metsäkukkia" is presented in a single system with seven staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various chords and melodic lines with triplets and repeat signs.

Chords and markings above the staves:

- Staff 1: Am, Am, Dm
- Staff 2: Am, E, 1Am, 2Am
- Staff 3: G, C, Dm, Am
- Staff 4: Bm, E, 1Am, 2Am
- Staff 5: Am, Am, Dm, Am
- Staff 6: E, Am, E, 1Am, 2

Other markings include triplets (3) and repeat signs (||: and :||).

This is a very popular tune in Finland where it is an accordion standard. Imported to the Scandinavian communities in the northern U.S., the name in Finnish means "Woodland Flower."