

09: Two Irish Polkas II



Irish polkas are different from their original European counterparts, which usually have three parts and key changes. In contrast, the Irish polkas are much simpler with only two parts in the same key. Polkas are most popular in the Sliabh Luchra area of South-West Ireland, in Cork and Kerry.

Boys of the Town (traditional)

Irish polka

Chords: G D G D G D G C D

Tablature (T A B):

2/4 2 3 3 2 | 0 2 0 3 0 2 | 3 0 3 0 | 2 0 0 | 2 3 3 2

0 2 0 3 0 2 | 3 0 3 0 2 3 3 | 2 5 3 2 | 0 3 0 2 | 2 5 3 2

3 0 3 0 2 0 0 | 2 5 3 2 0 3 0 2 | 3 0 3 0 2 3 3

Tom Sullivan's Polka (traditional)

Irish polka

Chords: D C D D D A7

Tablature (T A B):

2/4 0 | 2 0 2 3 0 2 | 3 0 0 3 | 0 5 5 4 5 | 2 0 2 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 2

A7 D D A7 D

4 0 3 0 2 2 | 2 0 2 2 0 2 | 1 0 0 2 0 | 2 2 0 2

G D A7 A7 D

3 0 3 2 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 2 | 4 0 3 0 | 2 2