

Gaelic Psalms

- Sung in _____
- Unaccompanied
- No beat/pulse

Gaelic psalms are unaccompanied hymns (psalms) sung in churches, mostly in the Western Isles. Each line of the psalm is 'put out' by the 'precentor' or leader. The congregation then joins in gradually. The congregation often sounds out of time. This is due to the slow tempo and the different ways in which individuals sing the melody, often 'improvising' or adding 'ornaments'.

Now listen to each piece of music and write down which type of song you hear:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Pentatonic Scale

Scottish music is known for using a set of notes called a **pentatonic scale**. This means only 5 notes are used. An example of this is in the song 'Auld Lang Syne' which uses G, A, B, D, and E.

Should auld acquaint-ance be for-got, And nev - er brought to mind? Should
5
auld acquaint - ance be for - got, And days of auld lang syne? For
9
auld _____ land _____ syne, my dear, For auld _____ lang _____ syne; We'll
13
take a cup o' kind - ness yet For _____ auld _____ lang _____ syne.