

31. Gingling Geordie

The musical score for 'Gingling Geordie' is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. It consists of 11 numbered staves, each representing a measure of the melody. The notation includes treble clefs, key signatures, and various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The tune title has multiple explanations: Jinglin' Geordie, a nickname for George Heriot (1563-1624), goldsmith and moneylender to James VI of Scotland (James I of England), is also remembered on the sign of the eponymous pub in Edinburgh's Fleshmarket Close; Jingling Geordie's Hole is a cave in Tynemouth with several stories connected to it, one of which tells of a beachcomber who lived there, his "jingling" being the rattling of chains to scare off anyone who might be curious about his hoard; and another possibility, which would also explain Vickers' title, is the jingling stick similar to the one used by Morris dancers, and formerly used by recruiting officers to attract the attention of anyone who might be tempted by the king's shilling.