

078. Henry MacDermott Roe, 1st Setting

The MacDermott Roe family of Alderford were Carolan's principal patrons and oldest friends. The subject of this air is either the head of the family when Carolan first came to Alderford, the date of whose death is unknown, or his eldest son, who died on the 21st June, 1752. If the quatrain [below] belongs to this air then the subject is the latter.

No repeats indicated here but feel free

*(I mean to fare henceforth to young Henry (grand) son of Charles,
An event that shall never be postponed for the sake of wine or beer,
The placid hawk of the mountain, the bounteous, unblemished hero,
I say to you, my friends, that I shall be drinking at Ballyfarnon fair.*

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