

# JOHN STENSON'S (REAL) REEL #2

**Tuning:** DAD  
**Style:** Strum all, but reach down and pick middle/bass string notes to follow the melody  
**Structure:** AABB

This is the authentic John Stenson's #2 (yes, with an 'e', not an 'i'), as recorded in 1978 by Irish fiddler Kevin Burke, who now lives near Portland, Oregon. There is another version circulating in dulcimer circles, but is nothing like the real tune. The Stenson's are from the area around Sligo, Ireland.

Traditional  
 arr. Gwen Caeli

D    A    D    A    D    A    D    A

**A**

|   |     |             |   |               |           |                 |
|---|-----|-------------|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| D | 0   | 0           | 1 | 0 0           | 0         | 1               |
| A | 0   | 1           | 0 | 0 3 3         | 3         | 1               |
| D | 2 1 | 0 1 2 1 1 0 | 1 | 0 1 2 0 1 2 5 | 4 2 1 1 0 | 1 0 1 2 0 1 2 1 |

D    A    G    D    A    D    A    1    2 D

|             |     |               |                 |         |       |
|-------------|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| 0           | 0 0 | 1             | 1               | 1       | 2     |
| 0           | 1   | 1 1           | 0               | 0       | :     |
| 0 1 2 1 1 0 | 0   | 3 3 2 3 5 4 3 | 2 3 1 2 0 1 2 3 | 4 4 4 1 | 4 4 5 |

D    G6/E    D    A

**B**

|               |             |             |   |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| 0             | 3 3         | 0           | 5 |
| 3             | 1 1 1       | 3           | 3 |
| 4 2 3 4 3 2 3 | 4 2 1 1 0 0 | 4 2 3 4 3 2 | 5 |

D    G6/E    G    D A    1    2 D A D

|               |       |       |               |         |         |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 0             | 3     | 0 0   | 3 0           | 1       | 2       |
| 3             | 1     | 1     | 1 1 3 1       | 0       | 1 0     |
| 4 2 3 4 3 2 3 | 4 2 1 | 1 0 0 | 3 3 2 3 5 4 3 | 2 3 1 2 | 2 3 1 0 |