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Side 1

1. **GRAND MARCH & HIGHLAND REEL:**
A PRAYER FOR JAMIE
RACHAEL RAE
RAY HORRICKS' REEL
IRENE DOIG'S REEL
2. **WELCOME HOME**
(Vocal: Jim MacLeod)
3. **ALF'S TWO-STEP**
(Accordion Solo: Tommy Ford)
4. **JOLLY BEGGER**
THE MANCHESTER HORNPIPE
(Tin Whistle Solo: Jimmy MacFarlane)
5. **A TEAR FELL**
(Vocal: Jim MacLeod)
6. **WALTZ TO THE PIPES:**
THE WEE LADDIE
BELIEVE ME IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG
CHARMS
(Pipers: Pipe Major Jimmy Mortimer, Pipe Major Archie
Osborne, Piper David Donaldson)
7. **REELS:**
WELCOME TO DUNBLANE
THE ONE-ARM BANDIT
MARTIN SMITH'S FANCY

Side 2

1. **HOME TO CALEDONIA**
(Vocal: David Cunningham)
2. **SCOTTISH WALTZES:**
LEAVING BARRA
MULL OF THE COOL HIGH BENS
COME TO SCALPIE
LEAVING STORNOWAY
3. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY**
(Vocal: Jim MacLeod)
4. **PIPE MARCHES:**
WADE'S WELCOME TO INVERNESS
GLENDAEUEL HIGHLANDERS
5. **WHISKEY ON A SUNDAY**
(Vocal Duet: Jim MacLeod & David Cunningham)
6. **GAY GORDONS:**
MAIRI'S WEDDING
THE BARREN ROCKS OF ADEN
(Pipers: Pipe Major Jimmy Mortimer, Pipe Major Archie
Osborne, Piper David Donaldson)
7. **SCOTLAND AGAIN**
(Vocal: Jim MacLeod)

It's welcome to Scotland, and welcome to Perthshire's Dunblane Hydro again from Jim MacLeod and his Band, with special guests David Cunningham and the Mortimer Pipers: Pipe Major Jimmy Mortimer, Pipe Major Archie Osborne and Piper David Donaldson.

In this album, the fifth to be recorded at Central Scotland's leading entertainment centre, Dunblane Hydro, Jim presents the music of his Band, sings his own type and style of songs, is joined by colleague David Cunningham and for the first time offers the sound of a trio of pipers with his own Band for dancing. Pipe Major Jimmy Mortimer is joined by two of his close piping associates to play with the MacLeod Band a Gay Gordons and Waltz. For the Waltz, Jim MacLeod has written a tune particularly for Pipe Major Mortimer, because for some time he has been keen to have his patrons at the Hydro dancing to what can be a very graceful sound from Pipes and Band. Jimmy Mortimer then added a traditional air, resulting in

a very pleasant and unique blend of pipes, Hammond organ, violin, piano, bass and drums. Jim's Waltz is called 'The Wee Laddie', referring to his six-year-old son Kenneth James.

David Cunningham, one of Scotland's leading cabaret entertainers, joins Jim for the song 'Whiskey On A Sunday' and is featured vocalist on a new composition he wrote with Jimmy MacFarlane called 'Home To Caledonia'.

And, of course, there are the Band's familiar instrumental features: Jimmy MacFarlane with his tin-whistle and Tommy Ford on accordion, ably backed by John Sinton on bass and Alex Doig on drums.

This new album recorded at Dunblane is yet another opportunity to listen to Scotland's most versatile and popular Dance Band. It is a warm and sincerely-meant invitation to the 'Land O' MacLeod', to Dunblane Hydro and finally to 'all things good' about Scotland itself, as is so well expressed in the nation's music.

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