

Le Diable Vert

G D G D

5 G D G

9 Em (B) Em Em B

14 Em B C G D7 G

The "Traditional Tune Archive" (tunearch.org) dives into the fascinating genealogy of this tune. Turns out it began life as the tune "Running Water," composed by Canadian fiddler Graham Townsend, who recorded it under that title. On youtube you can hear a 1970 recording of Don Messer (an even more well-known Canadian fiddler) playing "Running Water Reel," with Graham Townsend credited as composer.

As very often happens with music that is passed along aurally, over time the tune title was lost (and replaced with a new one), the composer's name became separated from it, and the melody absorbed a few changes. In the contradance world, the version and title here is what's in active circulation. You just can't keep a good tune down!