***Lesson 14: Your First Tune - Blanchard’s Hornpipe!***

Congratulations! In this lesson, you’ll be learning your first tune, Blanchard’s Hornpipe. A hornpipe is a type of dancing tune that is normally played at a quick pace. However, for the sake of your learning at this point, this tune will be taken very slowly, focusing on further practicing the transitions between all of the notes in the music. Take your time, and enjoy!

Materials:

* Practice Chanter
* Metronome
* *Beginning Bagpipe Repertoire PDF*

Lesson Summary

* #1 mistake to avoid: Don’t let yourself get overwhelmed by seeing all the notes and thinking playing this tune will be impossible!
  + Notice that much of the music is repeated throughout the tune; by learning just the first line, you will have learned the majority of the music!
* Take the tune bar by bar, note by note, focusing on clean transitions between the notes above anything else
* Notice in the third bar, there are 1/8th notes, which should be held twice as long as 1/16th notes



* At the end of the second and fourth lines, you have a long low A; it should be held for the equivalent of 3 1/8th notes at the end of the 2nd line, and 4 1/8th notes end of 4th line (you should count 1 click per 1/8th note when you eventually play the tune with the metronome)
  + When playing without the metronome, do your best to hold the A about as long as I hold it in the video
* When you are comfortable playing each section bar by bar, you can try at a quicker pace and with the metronome