

410. The Bower

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Flute

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Rhythm: reel

Discography: Mike Rafferty, Speed 78.

Transcription: transferred to abc notation by Lesl Harker from Paul Wells' manuscript.

History: Composed by Paul Wells as a birthday gift for friend Becky, and inspired by Mike's music. Named for the bower where Paul and Becky practiced their Mike-tunes at Swannanoa. Later adapted by Mike and Willie Kelly. "on the campus of Warren Wilson College are magnificent flower gardens. Tucked away in the corner of one of the gardens is a nice little bower where my friend [and fellow Rafferty enthusiast] Becky and I would go every day after Mike's class to run through the tunes he'd just taught us. I wrote the tune a month or so later as a birthday present for her, and named it after the spot where we'd spent so many pleasant hours playing Mike's tunes." – Paul Wells' own notes on the tune.