

7. Brenda Stubbert's – Iggy and Squiggy

We pay tribute to the great Cape Breton fiddler Jerry Holland with two of his reels, starting with his most famous tune, 'Brenda Stubbert's', followed by a fun tune that Henry learned from Chad Beauchaine, a fiddler and a gentleman from Knoxville, Tennessee, who learned it straight from Jerry.

8. Crescent Blue – Dune Grass – Salute to Hops

One of Michael's favorite Summer haunts is Crescent Beach in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The day he wrote this tune, it was early September, the tourist season was over, and there was hardly anyone on the beach. He could finally soak in the beauty of the blue ocean and sky, the fresh sea air, and the sounds of the playful herring gulls off in the distance. The massive waves of dune grass at Ogunquit Beach inspired the second tune in this set. In January, it dominates the horizon. If you stand amidst it at dawn in the crisp air, it is hard not to feel excited about life as you listen to it rustle in the wind. Michael decided that it was about time to write a tune in honor of the blessed hops. There are at least five microbreweries in Portland, Maine. In fact, they are popping up like mushrooms. Fine by us.

9. Blackberry and Beech – Crane Beach

When Michael went camping a few years ago in Lubec, Maine, he discovered that he was surrounded by blackberries and beech nuts. He ate his fill and wrote this tune. Funny how that works. Crane Beach is a lovely stretch of sand and waves on the coast of Ipswich, MA. In December of 2005, the Beggar Boys were touring the northeast. The weather was exceptionally mild, in the mid 50s, and Henry took a great walk on the beach. This tune is the result.

10. Farewell to the Trader – Miss Kate Minogue – Would You Like to Hear a Story?

Three of Henry's tunes that he dedicated to his friends. Regis Malady ran a Celtic music shop in Charlotte, NC called the Celtic Trader, the site of many years of truly memorable sessions. When he retired and closed the shop, Henry wrote this tune for the final session. Kate Minogue is the only female member of The Beggar Boys, flutist, singer/songwriter, and great friend. Here's to you, Kate! "Would you like to hear a story?" is the way Larry Young opens his famous Christmas stories at our holiday shows. If you are lucky, he will say "Oh goody!" and you are in for a treat. He's just that fun.

11. Wolfe's Neck – Reel des Acadiens

Once, Michael got lost at Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park in Freeport, ME. What should have been a 45-minute walk became two hours. At the very last moment, he aimed for the direction of his car and bushwhacked his way through the forest. Ow. Our closing reel pays homage to Michael's Acadian heritage.



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