

Slow Airs and Ceremonial Standards

6 LESSONS · ALL LEVELS

Welcome to Slow Airs and Ceremonial Standards. I built this course to give you exactly this: the tunes for memorials, weddings, and quiet moments — phrasing, breath control, and the standards every piper should have ready.

- ☐ **01 Pointing, Pulsing & Phrasing: A Guide to Bagpipe Expression**
Learn the expression vocabulary — pointing, pulsing, phrasing — before applying it to an exposed, slow tune.
June 23, 2026 · 1h 7m · Expression & Musicality

- ☐ **02 Simply Lovely**
Work Colin's Cattle and other slow airs where held dotted notes carry the whole performance.
February 12, 2026 · 52m · Tunes & Repertoire

- ☐ **03 Open Session! Bring Your Tunes, Topics, Questions, and Ideas**
Add my go-to slow air standards — South Georgia Whaling Song, Going Home, A Song for David — to your list.
July 8, 2026 · 1h 5m · Community & Extras

- ☐ **04 Circular Breathing and Orkney Wedding with Sunrise**
Learn the breath control that lets a ceremonial piece like Orkney Wedding with Sunrise flow without a break.
June 1, 2023 · 54m · Expression & Musicality

- ☐ **05 Achieving Musical Mastery**
Put technique, sound, and musicality together for a performance that reads as effortless.
January 6, 2023 · 37m · Expression & Musicality

- ☐ **06 How to be Successful at Piping Gigs**
Turn ceremonial standards into paid gig work — weddings, arrivals, and memorials.
February 28, 2023 · 55m · Competing & Performing