## **BROAD BAY**

This is a "Lewis" tune and is the other of Alex's 3/4s to accompany "Mike Stockman". The re-typeset version is as scribed originally by Alex with only the bar lines adjusted, as is the case with "Mike Stockman".





Broad Bay (Scottish Gaelic: Loch-a-Tuath, meaning "North Loch") is a bay which is situated on the coast of The Isle of Lewis, and separates Back and Point. It is an area of great beauty with scenery, beaches and wildlife attracting many tourists to the area.





Lewis is, in general, the lower- lying part of Lewis and Harris, with the other part, Harris, being more mountainous. The flatter, more fertile land means Lewis contains the largest settlement, Stornoway, and three-quarters of the population of the Western Isles.

The island's diverse habitats are home to an assortment of flora and fauna, and wildlife such as the golden eagle, red deer and seals. Small wonder that Alex would find the opportunity to name one of his tunes Loch A Tuath (Broad Bay). Although a short route and an easy climb, the summit of Cleit Ard gives fine views north and south along Loch Seaforth. This 23km long sea loch marks the boundary between Harris and south east Lewis and is positively fjord-like, hence its name, Loch Seaforth.



This view shows Loch Seaforth trapped between Tob a Tuath, Tuath na Ceanna Mhoire and Tob a Deas na Ceannamhoire.

Ceann Mòr was one of over thirty townships systematically cleared to make way for the Pairc sheep farm in the nineteenth century.