

Midnight Oil

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The musical score for "Midnight Oil" is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of six staves of music. The chords and their positions are as follows:

- Staff 1: G, Am, B/G7, C, G, Em, Am, D7
- Staff 2: G, Am, G7, C/Am, D7, F#/D7, 1. G, D7, 2. G, D7
- Staff 3: G, B/G7, C, D7, G, Em, Am, D7
- Staff 4: G, B/G7, C, D7, G, Em, 1. D7, G, 2. D7, G
- Staff 5: G, C, D7, B/G7, C, C#/A7, D7, F#/D7
- Staff 6: G, C, D7, B/G7, C, A7, 1. D7, G, D7, 2. D, G

The dance "Midnight Oil" was devised by John Drewry and presented to Mary Prentice whilst on one of the winter holidays. Mary used to frequently burn the midnight oil. As the dance starts in a very similar manner to that in Lothian Lads, I decided that the tune be written with the first 8 bars showing a similarity to Lothian Lads. The dance was first danced on 1st Feb 1993 in the Ledra Beach Hotel, Cyprus.