

# A musical tradition...

Willie Relihan lives with his family at Egmont in the lovely parish of Churchtown in North County Cork. Generations of the Relihan family are famous for their musical skills and Willie carries on this proud tradition.

The *Hills of Home* is dedicated to the memory of Willie's parents – Dan and Bess (Elizabeth). Dan played the five-stringed banjo, chromatic accordion, piano-accordion and Hawaiian guitar (similar to the ukulele but with six strings instead of the usual four). Bess, who was a wonderful singer, regularly entertained at local variety concerts. She was also a choir member in St Nicholas' Church, a tradition carried on today by Willie. One of Bess' favourite songs was *Beautiful Dreamer* which Willie recorded on his *My Hometown* CD.

Long may the musical tradition of the Relihan family continue.

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## Discography:

1999: **Hand it down** (accompanied by Jimmy Connery) / Tape

2001: **My Hometown** (accompanied by Peter Burke) / CD

2009: **Hills of Home** (accompanied by Peter Burke) / CD

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