

LA BASTRINGUE



Louis Beaudoin, (1920-80)

Louis Beaudoin's earliest memories were of his father playing fiddle for parties and weddings in the French Canadian community of Lowell, Massachusetts. His father would play tunes for him on the fiddle, and his mother would sing melodies until he learned them. In 1937, during the Great Depression, his family moved to the South End of Burlington where Louis married singer Julie Lacourse and raised five daughters: Louise, Carmen, Sylvia, Nina, and Lisa.

This version of *La Bastringue* is from the Beaudoin family repertoire and is transcribed from their 1976 Philo LP, "*La Famille Beaudoin*."

Narrative: David Green, 1973

A D G A⁷ D A⁷ D

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B (3x) D C D C D

1. Mademoiselle, voulez-vous danser,
la bastringue, la bastringue?
Mademoiselle, voulez-vous danser?
la bastringue va commencer.

2. Oui, Monsieur, je veux bien danser,
la bastringue, la bastringue.
Oui, Monsieur, je veux bien danser,
la bastringue, si vous voulez.