Écossaise

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Écossaise, pronounced “ay-koh-sez,” is a French word meaning “Scotch.” The dance for which the music was composed does not have a Scottish origin, however. The Écossaise was a popular dance in \( \frac{3}{2} \) time, usually used for beginning and ending an evening of dancing. Chopin and Schubert also wrote Écossais, and they are commonly subtitled “Scotch Dances.”