

Cotillions

9. Francis

Francis Johnson
(1792-1844)

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Francis Johnson (1792-1844) was a black American violinist, Kent-bugle player, bandmaster, and composer. He led the official band of the Philadelphia State Fencibles, wrote music for the annual birthday celebrations of George Washington, and was awarded a silver bugle by Queen Victoria. His successful career resulted in other black composers finding music publishers.