

# Willafjord

Key: D  
♩ = 80

Traditional Shetland tune  
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The musical score for Willafjord is presented in two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 8, and the second system contains measures 9 through 16. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chord symbols (D, G, A) are placed above the notes. Measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings. Accents (>) are placed over certain notes. The piece concludes with a final double bar line and a fermata over the last note.

(The Portland Collection has a slightly different melody from the way I learned it.)

Played with a sort of "calypso" beat: (123 123 12). So for example it could be re-grouped like this:

A short musical example illustrating a 3+3+2 calypso rhythm. The key signature is D major. The time signature is 3+3+2 over 8. The melody consists of three groups of notes: a group of three eighth notes, another group of three eighth notes, and a final group of two eighth notes. Chord symbols D, G, and D are placed above the first, second, and third groups respectively. The example ends with the text "(etc.)".

One theory: Shetland sailors picked up the calypso rhythm from one of the Caribbean islands during their travels.

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