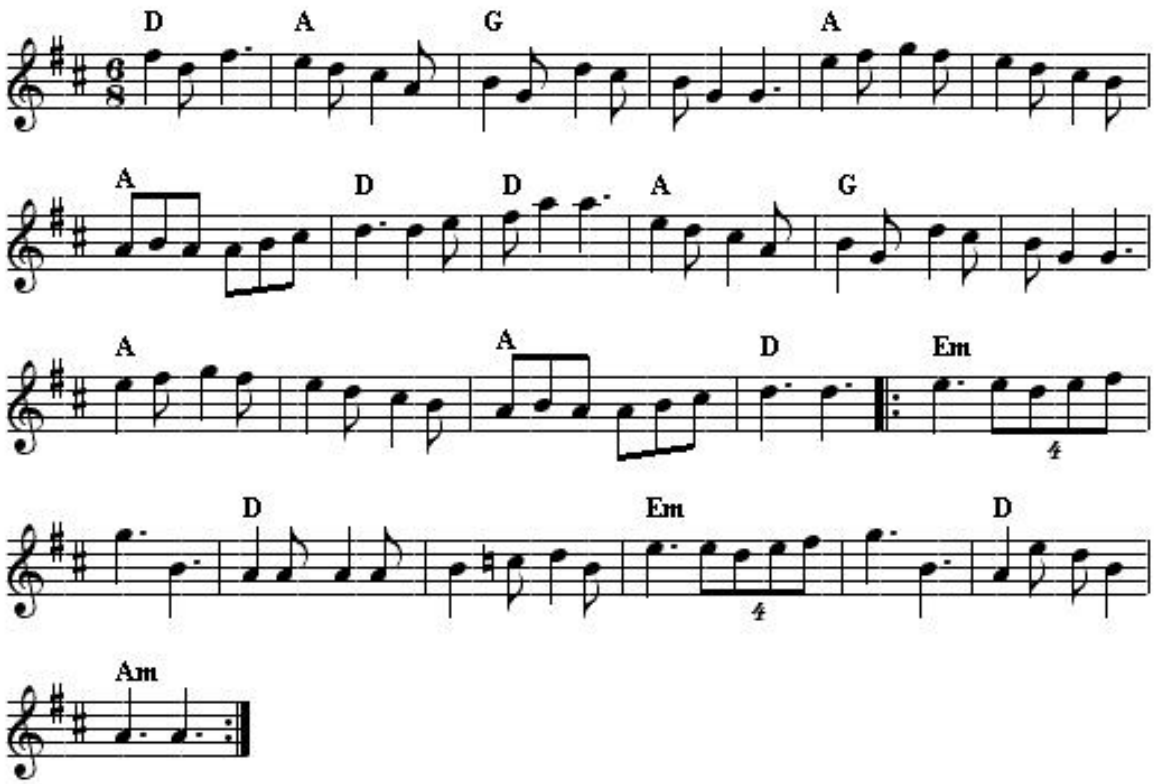
Christmas Day in da Morning



This tune is from Shetland, island of Unst, where it probably dates from the 18th century. Patrick Shuldham-Shaw collected the tune from John Stickle (1875-1957) of Unst, whose ancestor Friedemann Stickle was famous as a fiddler in the eighteenth and early 19th century. Although some think Stickle composed it, Pat Shuldham-Shaw thought it might have been older. Friedemann was paid to play this tune every year on Christmas morning in the hall of his laird, the Laird of Muness.

This is another seasonal Shetland fiddle tune - this being played on Christmas Day and "Da Day Dawn" on New Year's.

It was recorded by Alasdair Fraser and The Boys of the Lough.

I sometimes play this as a medley with “The Mason's Apron”, also in this section.