

## By the Waterfall

Musical score for "By the Waterfall" in D Major, 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'A' and contains the first A section. The second staff continues the A section with a first ending bracket. The third staff is labeled 'B' and contains the first B section. The fourth staff continues the B section with a second ending bracket. The fifth staff contains the final ending, which is a first ending bracket leading to a double bar line, followed by a second ending bracket leading to a final double bar line. Chord symbols D, G, D, A7, and D are placed above the notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

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"By the Waterfall" is an American reel in D Major. The parts are played AABB.

It comes from the playing of West Virginia fiddler Israel Welch who may have picked the tune up while he was stationed in Newfoundland.

It's a bit of an obscure tune as there are only a couple recordings of it.

The first is featured on Israel's album, **Tearin' Down the Laurel** which is still available through the Augusta Heritage Center in CD form.

Israel Welch was born on October 7, 1912 in Burlington, WV in a large family with ten children. Four of the brothers and one cousin formed the Welch Brothers Band and played extensively for dances in the 1930's. Three of them, including Israel, were stationed at various places during WWII. When his ability became known Israel ended up entertaining the troops and playing for dances in Newfoundland. He died August 29, 2003.

The banjo tablature is by John Letscher.

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