

The Tune the Old Cow Died Of

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a D chord and contains two triplet markings. The second line includes G, A7, D, and A7 chords. The third line features D, A7, and D chords. The fourth line contains G, A7, D, A7, and D chords. The fifth line starts with a D chord and ends with an A7 chord. The sixth line contains G, A7, D, A7, and D chords. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

"The Tune the Old Cow Died Of" is a dance adaptation of a comic song.

The title is a phrase that was used in southwest Pennsylvania to designate any extremely bad piece of music.

Interestingly, for a tune possibly derived from a comic song, it is related to the English morris dance tune "The Nutting Girl" which is one of the most well-known morris dance tunes.

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