Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

The Oyster Wives' Rant (traditional)

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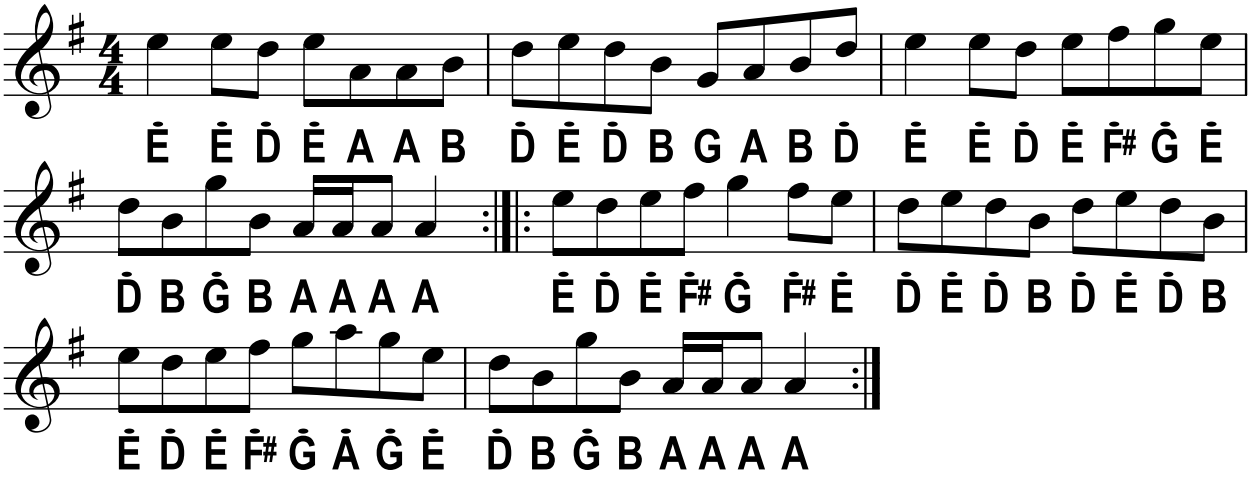

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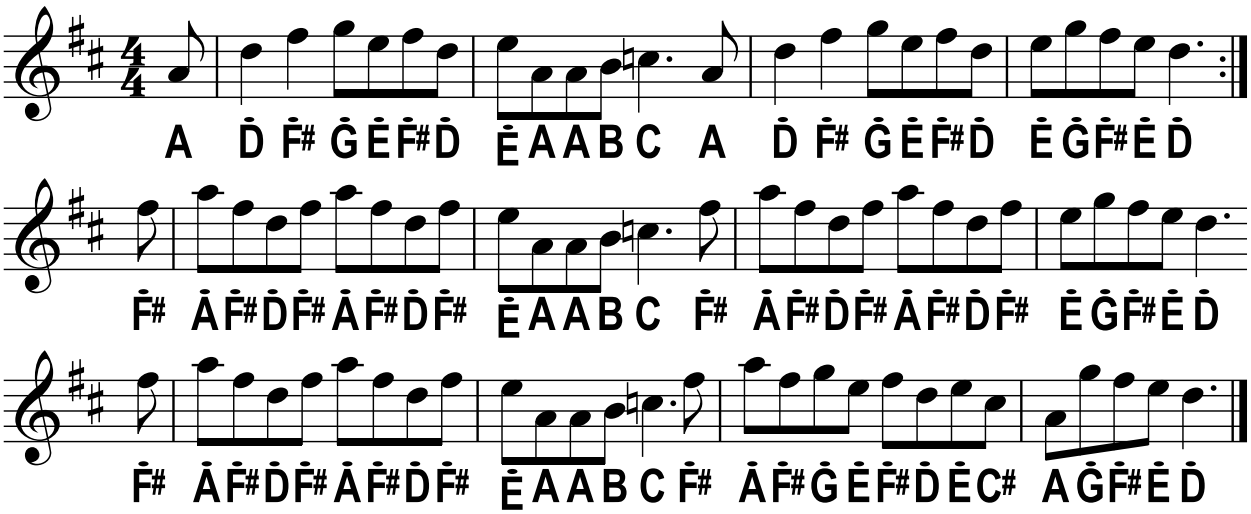

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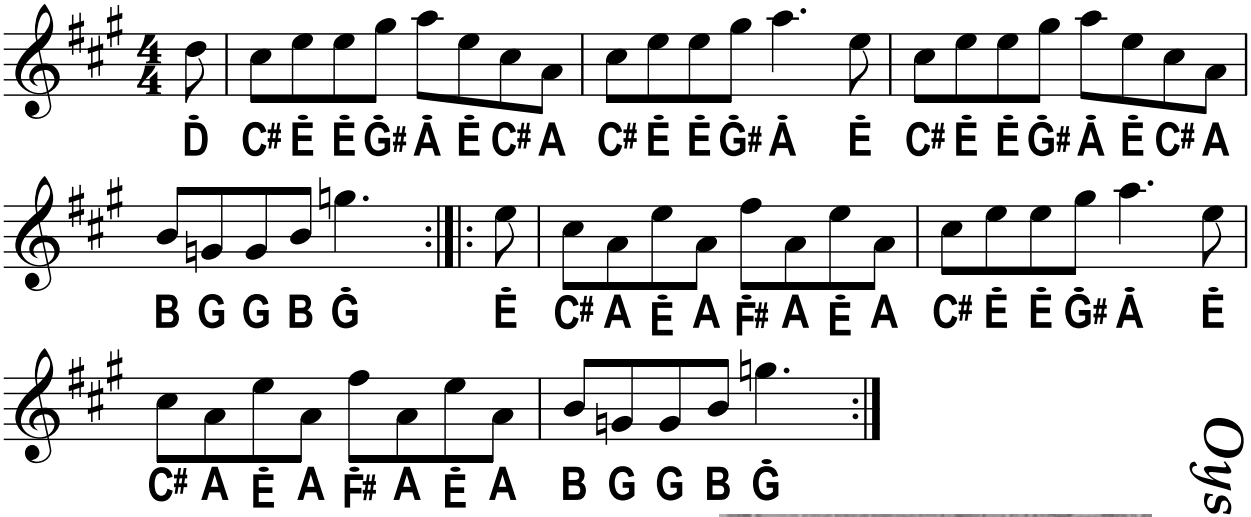

The Forth was fished for oysters for many years, and traditions grew up around the oyster fishermen and the women who sold the oysters in the street of Edinburgh. Several songs exist which were sung as the rowing boats towed dredges acorss the Firth, in the belief that the music helped to charm the oysters into the nets.

Newhaven in 1900

Oyster Wives

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