

The Shetland Collection



Da Slockit Light (Tom Anderson)

slow air

Musical score for Mandolin in D major, 4/4 time, featuring a slow air. The score consists of six systems, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff showing fret numbers. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff.

System 1: Chords D, D, G, D, G, A⁷. Fret numbers: 4 2, 0 4 0 5, 2 0 5 4 5 0, 2 5 0 5, 2 0 5 4 2 5 4 2.

System 2: Chords D, Bm, G, A, D. Fret numbers: 0 4 0 5, 2 0 5 4 5 0, 2 5 0 5 4 2, 0.

System 3: Chords D, A, Bm, A, D, E, A. Fret numbers: 3, 2 5 0, 4 5 0 5 4 2 0, 2 5 0 4, 5.

System 4: Chords D, A, G, D, G, A⁷, D. Fret numbers: 3, 2 5 0, 4 5 0 5 4 2 0, 2 5 0 5 4 2, 0.

System 5: Chords D, A, Bm, G, D, G, A⁷. Fret numbers: 3, 2 5 0, 4 5 0 5 4 2 0, 2 5 0 5, 2 0 5 4 2 5 4 2.

System 6: Chords D, A, Bm, G, A⁷, D. Fret numbers: 0 4 0 5, 2 0 5 4 5 0, 2 5 0 5 4 2, 0.

"I was coming out of Eshaness in late January, 1969, the time was after 11 pm and as I looked back at the top of the hill leading out of the district I saw so few lights compared to what I remembered when I was young. As I watched, the lights started going out one by one. That, coupled with the recent death of my late wife, made me think of the old word 'Slockit', meaning, a light that has gone out, and I think that was what inspired the tune"
- Tom Anderson 1979



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