

Khusidl

D Tuning (f# D F# A D)

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a five-line staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music. The notes are indicated by numbers above the staff: 0, 6, 6, 5, 6 in the first measure; 0, 0, 0, 5, 5, 8, 5 in the second; 7, 0, 0, 12, 10, 13, 15, 10, 5, 6, 0 in the third; and [6] in the fourth. The bottom staff is a five-line staff with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music. The notes are indicated by numbers below the staff: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 in the first measure; 0, 0, 8, 8 in the second; h, 0, 0, 0, 0 in the third; 0, 0, 0, 0 in the fourth; and 0, 0 in the fifth. Vertical lines connect the notes between the two staves.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a five-line staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music. The notes are indicated by numbers above the staff: 0, 5, 6 in the first measure; 1. 6, 0, 0, 0 in the second; 2. 6, 0, [0] in the third; and [0] in the fourth. The bottom staff is a five-line staff with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains five measures of music. The notes are indicated by numbers below the staff: 7, 6, 0, 0 in the first measure; 0, 0, 0, 0 in the second; 0, 0, 0, 0 in the third; and 0, 0, 0, 0 in the fourth. Vertical lines connect the notes between the two staves.

This traditional klezmer song, based on a rendition by Itzhak Perlman, is played in the key of D with the five-string banjo tuned to a D tuning (fifth string to first: f# D F# A D).

Pay special attention to the time value of each note. Also keep in mind that bracketed notes (example: [6] and [0]) have a time value of two full beats in a four-beat measure.

Lastly, measure five (the measure where the notes are fretted way up on the 12th and 15th frets, etc.) might seem difficult to play at first; however, if you keep your playing VERY slow and deliberate, things will start to fall into place after a time and speed should increase naturally.

Good luck and good picking!