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6/3/21: Chord changes to be revised.

7/3/21: Chord changes revised. Needs more work.

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How can we make this beautiful flowing melody groove with a driving waltz feel?

Swing

- Underlying triplet feel.
- Not left to the imagination:
 - Plenty of quavers in the tune. Many not necessary for the melody they are there to provide the rhythmic feel
 - o Notes divided with the bow
 - Notes divided by ornaments.

Double stops

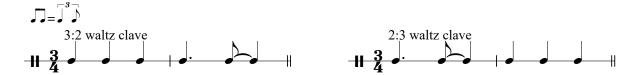
- "Ringing strings" a key element of Shetland fiddle style.
- More notes double stopped than not
- Try to maintain a smooth, sweet tone, not too in-your-face

Ornaments

- Drop-kicks lots of them
- Drop-kicks often divide the beat like this: J becomes (underlying triplet feel, but the short note is first)
- Roll-down flicks
- Flicks/grace notes subdividing the beat: placed it 2/3 of the way through the crotchet to make it swing.

Key rhythms

Two claves:



- A clave is an underlying rhythm that every musician feels in order to groove together.
- A clave is felt but not always explicit; and is often layered with other rhythms.
- 3:2 and 2:3 refer the the number of notes in the bar. In practice the bars of 3 and 2 don't need to alternate.
- This clave swings. This means the 2-note bar still feels like 3/4 (not 6/8).
- Practice these rhythms by clapping with the tune, then playing double stops.

Another key rhythm — the exception:



- Practice as above.
- Make sure the cut-off for the rest is clean and silence is clear.