

# Haltadans

Two Fetlar trowie tunes, as played by  
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trad. Shetland

Musical notation for the first tune, 'Haltadans'. It consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. Handwritten chords are indicated above the notes: A, D, F, B7, and E.

# Winyadelpa

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Musical notation for the second tune, 'Winyadelpa'. It consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. Handwritten chords are indicated above the notes: A, D, A, D, A, F#m, A, D, A, D, A, E.

*text from original transcription of Winyadelpa, sourced from illustrations from an article in the Folk Book by Mr Peter Moar and Mr John Stewart.*

This trowie tune is from Fetlar as well. It was one winter in 1803 that Gibbie Laurenson, living at Norderhoos, Gruting, set out with a mare's load of dried corn for grinding at the Fir Vaa watermill. After he had filled the hopper and started the mill, he lit a peat fire in a fire-kettle and sat down on a stool to rest. Aware of voices outside, Gibbie pretended to be asleep as he knew that the trows were about.

The door opened and a troop of peerie folk came in. A woman took off the nappie from her baby and hung it on Gibbie's leg, near the fire, to dry. Then one of the trows said, "What'll we dö ta da sleeper?"

"Lat him aleen," replied the woman, "he's no an ill body. Tell Shanko ti gie him a tön."

Said Shanko, "A tön he sall hae, an we'll drink his blaand\*."

After drinking, they trooped out of the mill, and danced on the green nearby. When the footfalls and music ceased, Gibbie looked out from the mill door and saw the trows going up the hill towards Stackaberg, and a boat with two rowers pulling away from the shore. He concluded that this had landed his visitors.

Gibbie's fiddler son, to whom he whistled the tune, called it "Faider's Tön", but it was later named "Winyadelpa" after a loch near the Fir Vaa watermill.

\*Blaand - a fermented drink made from whey