

Tune of the Month: "Willamette Valley Waltz"

by Darwin Wattles

The composer of this tune is District 8's own Darwin Wattles. He was born in North Dakota and started playing the fiddle in 1998. He writes songs when he wakes up at night and hears the tune in his mind. He will often get up and record the song before falling back to sleep. In the morning he'll have forgotten the tune, but he'll be able to listen to the recording and write out the notation. Darwin has written more than 50 songs.

This tune can be found online by "searching" YouTube Darwin Wattles. The musicians on the YouTube video are recognizable OOTFA members.



Darwin Wattles (District 8),
composer of our tune of
the month

WILLAMETTE VALLEY WALTZ

WRITTEN BY DARWIN WATTLES

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A musical score for the piece "Willamette Valley Waltz" in G major and 3/4 time. The score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, G7, C, D7, G, G7, C, D7, G, A7, D7, G, G7, D7, G. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are also some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.