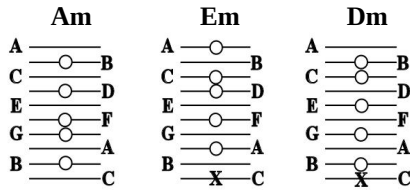


Tune Kantele to Am



Great is the Desolation of Your Shore

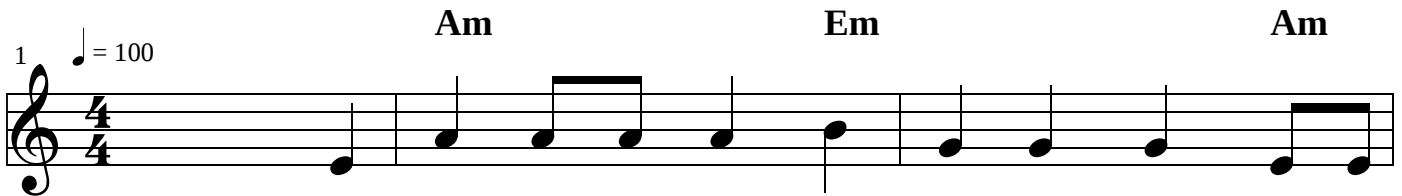
On Suuri Sun Rantas Autius

Traditional Finnish Folk Song

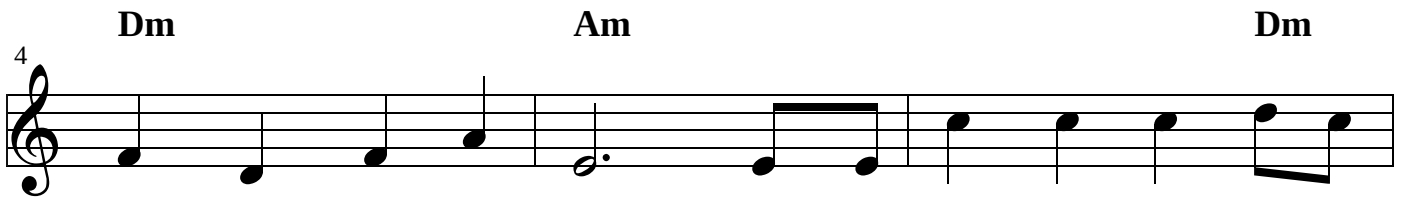
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Note: Replace the E major chord with a two note interval consisting of E and B.



1. Des - o - late and bar - ren is your shore, yet my
2. As a youth I stood up - on your shore with a



heart longs to be there. How I miss the sad cry —
heart so full of woe that your grey waves still hold the



of the duck wail - ing in the eve - ning air like some -
tears I shed on thosenights so long a - go. Oh, the

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10 Em Dm

- one la - ment - ing in the night, someone lost — and all a -
waves, the marsh, and slen - der reeds live in my — heart ev - er -

13 Am Dm Em Am Em

- lone. Some one who has wan - dered in - to the reeds and
- more, and I'll al - ways hear the — lone - ly call of

16 Am Em E Am

can - not find his home.
the duck on your shore.

1. On suuri sun rantas autius,
sitä sentään ikävöin:
Miten villisorsan valitus
soi kaislikossa öin.
Joku yksinäinen eksynyt,
joka vilua vaikeroi,
Jok' on kaislikossa kierrellyt
eik' emoa löytää voi.

2. Sun harmajata aaltoas olen
katsonut kyönelein,
Ens' surunsa itkenyt rannallas
mun on oma nuoruutein.
On syvään sun kuvasi
painunut ja sitä ikävöin,
Olen villisorsaa kuunnellut
mä siellä monin öin.