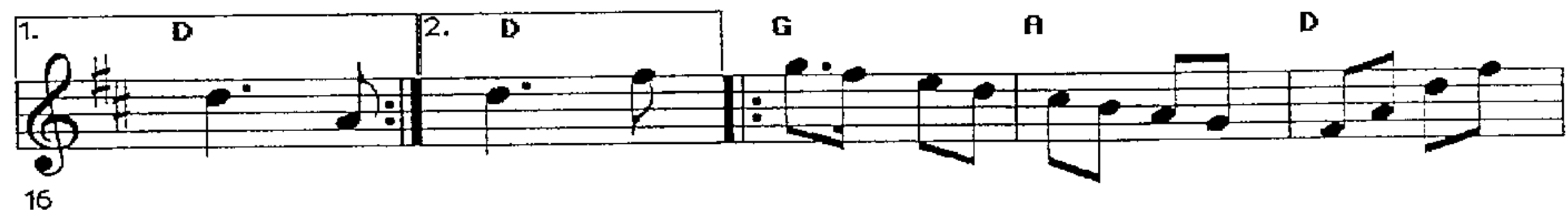
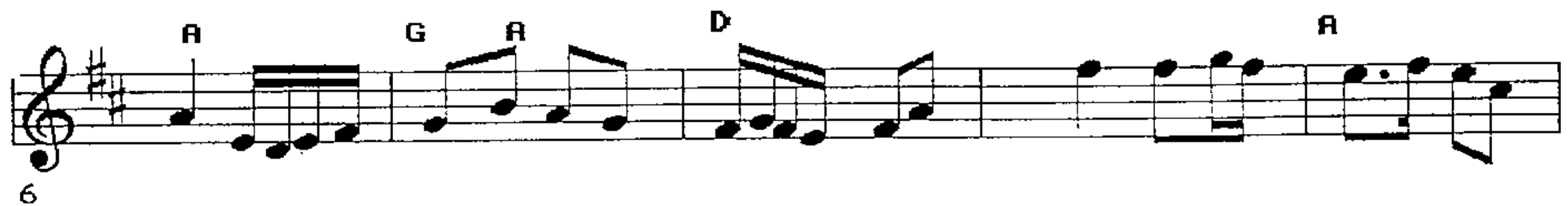
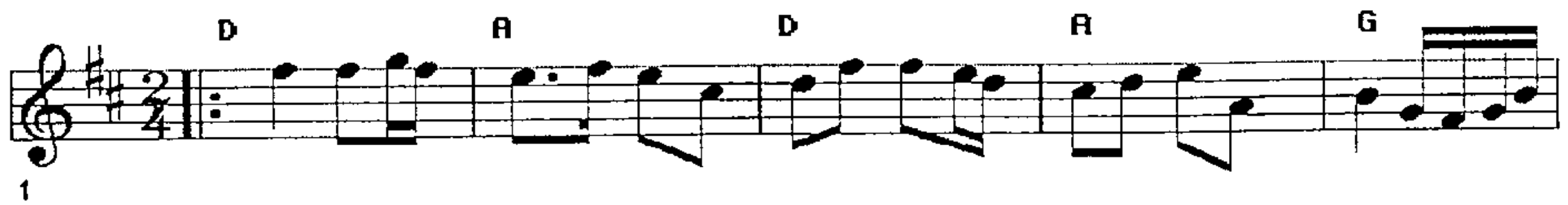


# Sarkofagmarschen

26 Nov 95 agm

efter Börjes Olle 2.46



Transcribed by Dave Mullens  
from the Rättviks Spelmannslag  
50 år recording with help  
from David Lamb and others.  
Chords added with help of  
Bill Boyd.

During the winter of 1856 a heavy coffin of porphyry (a sarcophagus built in memory of King Karl XIV Johan who died in 1844) was drawn by hand from Älvdalen to Gävle by 178 men. Folk musicians accompanied the procession to keep up the spirits of the "king's horses". The tune shown here is from a simplified version which was played after the Mora fiddler Hins Anders' original tune. The Rättvik fiddlers took over from Hins Anders when he was afflicted by frostbite on the 17-day long journey -- once they had been promised extra "rations".