

Snowflake Breakdown

Wally Traugott

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The tablature is written for a five-string banjo in 2/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a staff and a corresponding chord symbol below it. The first system starts with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first system has a chord of A7. The second system has a chord of D. The third system has a chord of Bb. The fourth system has a chord of D. The fifth system has a chord of A7. The piece ends with a double bar line at measure 19.

This tune, also known under the title Snowflake Reel, was written by the master Ontario fiddler Wally Traugott (1934-2010). The tune takes an unusual Bb turn in the melody of the second part, which is very unusual. This setting on banjo is based upon the cover played by Owen "Snake" Chapman (1919-2002), recorded by Bruce Greene in 1989.