

The Shannon Pilot (reel)

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The musical score is written for guitar in 4/4 time, using a treble clef. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Chords above are Am, G, Em, Am, D, G. The second staff continues with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above are Am, G, Em, Am, Em7, Am, G, Am. A tilde (~) is placed over the first note of the second staff, and a triplet (3) is placed over the last three notes. The third staff has notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above are Am, G, Em, Am, D, Em, Am. The fourth staff has notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above are Am, G, Em, Am, D, G, Am. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

When we were travelling in West Clare some years ago, I had the opportunity of taking a ride out on the Shannon River with one of the river pilots who was going out to board a ship. It was quite a treat for a ship enthusiast like me to be able to spend an hour or so on the "broad majestic Shannon"!