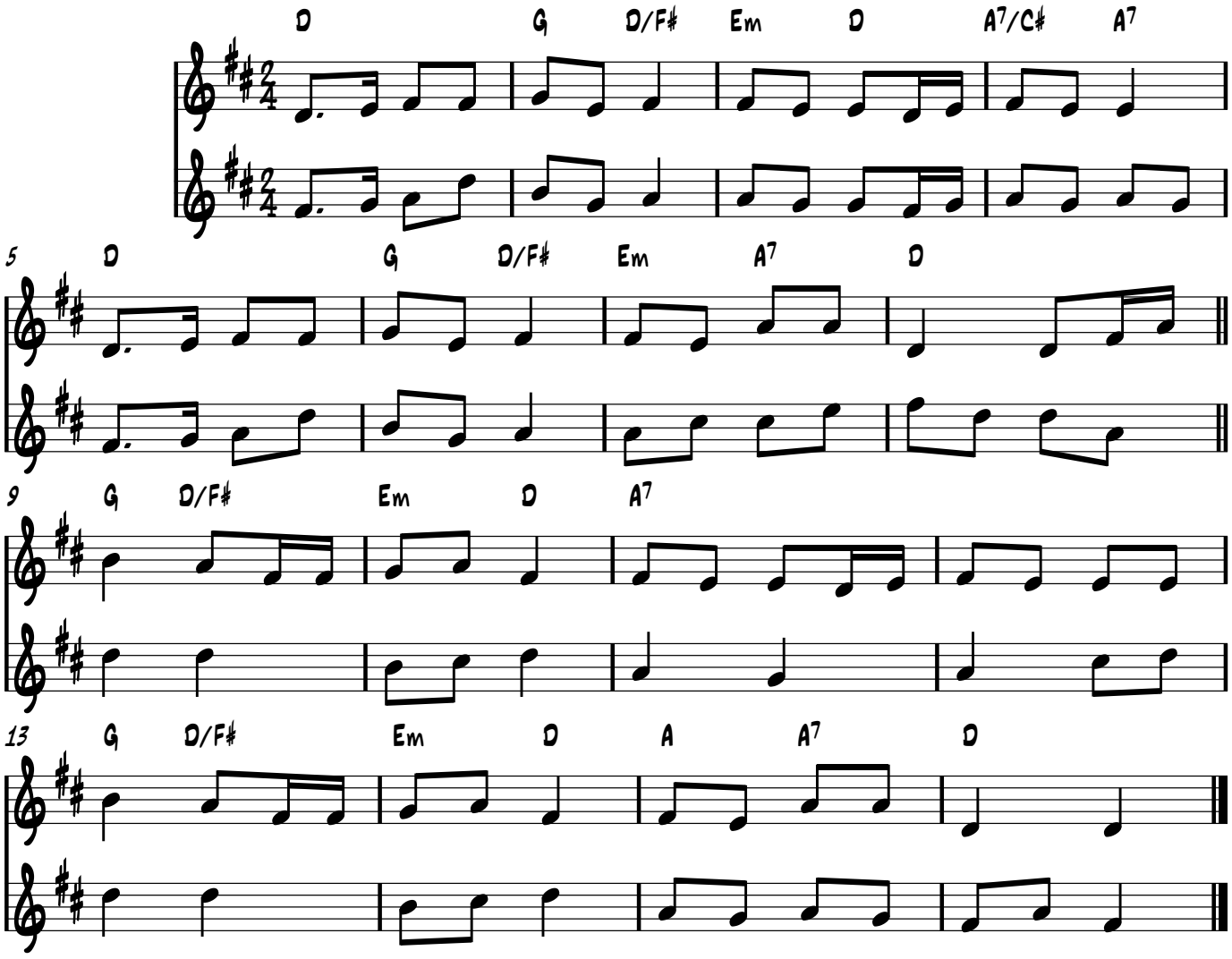Donkey Riding

A donkey engine is a single-cylinder steam engine invented in 1881, which revolutionized logging and the loading of ships.

Lyrics from Tony Hall 1973

Trad. Capstan/Sea shanty - Canada/Liverpool



V1: Wuz you ever in Quebec launchin' timber on the deck,
Where ye'd break yer bleedin' neck, riding on a donkey?

Ch: Way hey an' a way we go, donkey riding donkey riding
Way hey an' away we go, riding on a donkey.

V2: Wuz you ever in Timbuktu, where the gals are black an' blue
and they waggle their bustles too, riding on a donkey?

V3: Wuz you ever in Vallipo, where the gals put on a show,
Waggle and dance with a roll and go, riding on a donkey?

V4: Wuz you ever in Mobile Bay, screwin' cotton all the day?
A dollar a day is a white man's pay, riding on a donkey.

V5: Wuz you ever in London town, where the gals they do come down,
See the king in a golden crown, riding on a donkey?

V6: Wuz you ever off Cape Horn, where the weather's never warm,
When you wish for the Lord you'd never bin born, riding on a donkey?