

Da Guizer's March

Gideon Stove 1909

D Bm A D Em A
D Em A D Bm A
D Em A D Em A D
D G A D G D
Em A D G A D
G D Em A D G D Em A D

Composed around 1909 by Gideon Stove (1875-1954), who as a young man was offered a chair with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, but who preferred to remain in the Shetlands where he was a much respected musician and teacher.

This march was written for the Up Helly Aa procession which was at one time led by a fiddle band, although now by a brass band. A 'guizer' is a masquerader ('disguser'), and costumes are featured in the event. The tune is also used in Shetland for dancing a two-step.