

# Da Slockit Light

Tom Anderson

D A D G D Em A  
D A D Em A 1. G D 2. G D  
D A Bm G D E A A7  
D A Bm G Em A G D  
A Bm G D Em A  
D A D Em A G D

arr. Peter McLaren



Tom Anderson (1910 – 1991) with 'Peerie' Willie Johnson

In 1970 Shetland Islands fiddler, teacher, composer and collector of traditional tunes, Tom Anderson, gave the following account of the inspiration behind this composition:

“I was coming out of Eshaness in late January 1969. The time was after 11 p.m. and as I looked back at the top of the hill leading out of the district I saw so few lights compared to what I remembered when I was young. As I watched, the lights started going out one by one. That, coupled with the recent death of my late wife, made me think of the old word ‘slockit’, meaning a light that has gone out, and I think that was what inspired the tune.”