

Swallow Tail Jig

A Virtual Band Arrangement

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This Irish tune is in the key of "E Dorian". This Dorian scale is called a 'mode' and is based on the D major scale. It's like playing a D scale, but starting and ending on the E note. This is where that 'haunting' sound comes from. A complete explanation of the 'Modal Scales' can be found at www.jaybuckey.com on the 'Acoustic Talk' page.



The image displays a guitar tab for the 'Swallow Tail Jig' in E Dorian mode. It consists of four systems, each with a standard musical staff and a guitar tab staff below it. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. Chord markings 'Em' and 'D' are placed above the staffs to indicate the harmonic structure. The guitar tab uses numbers 0-4 to represent frets and includes various rhythmic notations such as beams, slurs, and repeat signs. The first system includes the text 'Guitar tab:' above the first measure of the tab staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the fourth system.

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