

# Shakti Sahita ganapatim

(*La Bastringue - Voulez vous danser*)

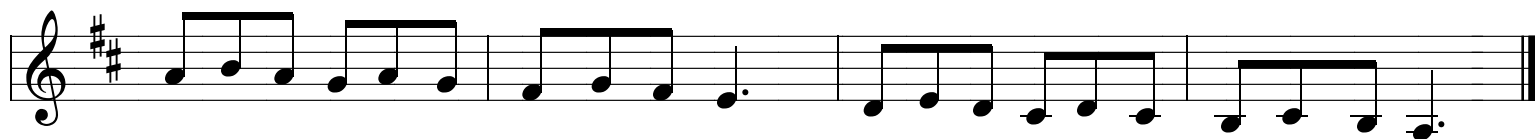
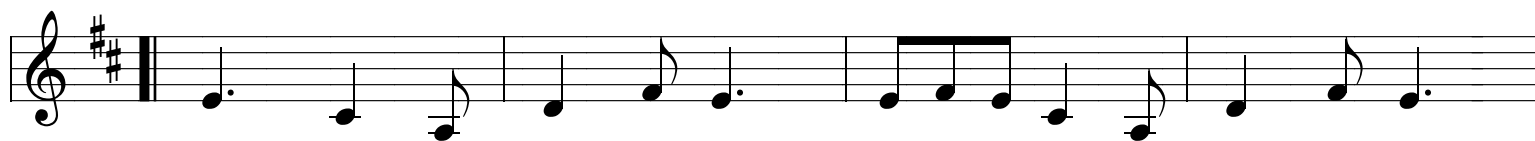
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India 19th Century  
Muthuswami Dikshitar 1775 - 1835



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At a young age, the Indian composer Dikshitar was exposed to the military brass bands of the British Raj, and he later used Western influenced melodies in several of his compositions.

The A part to this tune is a 6/8 version of French-Canadian dance tune in duple time - "La Bastringue", or "Voulez vous danser avec moi". It has French lyrics in Canada, although Dikshitar set his own lyrics to it. How a French-Canadian tune got to India early enough for Dikshitar to have heard it is open to speculation. At the time both Canada and India were part of the British Empire.

The Indian lyrics are sung on the CD Vismaya, produced by Kanniks Kannikeswaran. See <http://www.kanniks.com/discography>