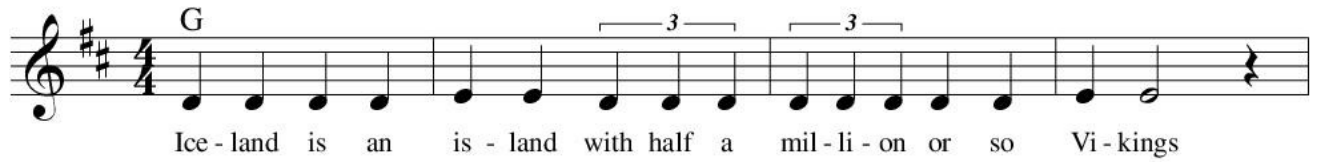
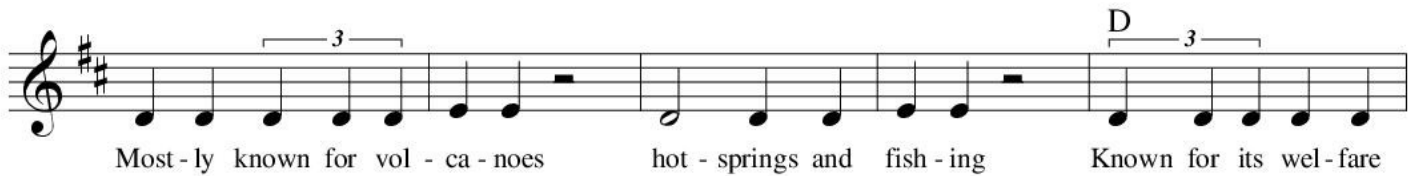


Iceland, 2008

David Rovics



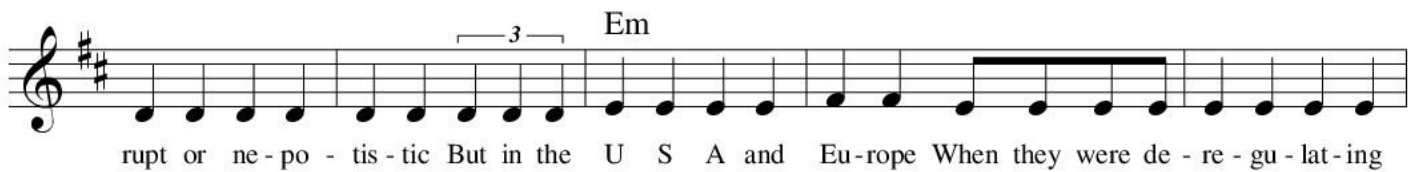
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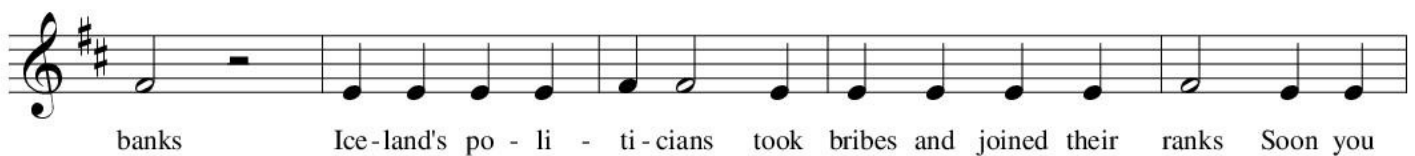
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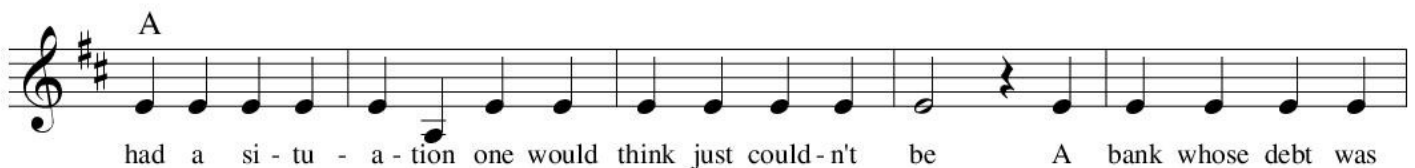
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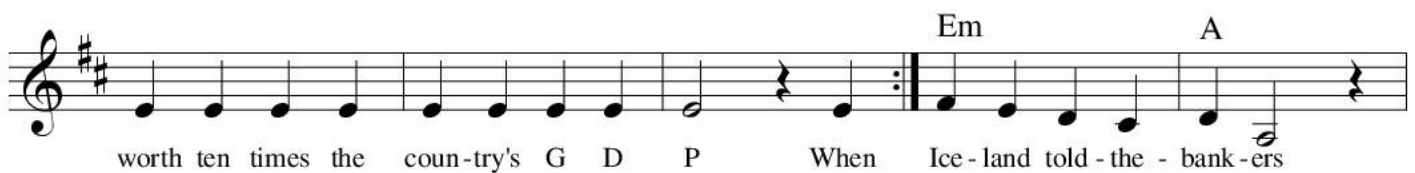
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Em A Em A D

Ice - land told the bank - ers Ice - land told the bank - ers to fuck off

When Wall Street imploded, sure enough it spread
 Banks all over the world were floating in the red
 All over the world, governments made the plan
 To cut spending and raise taxes on the working woman and working man
 The banks were bailed out while the people had to pay
 But in Iceland people thought there must be a better way
 And the Earth stood still a moment, fear was struck in every toff

Chorus

Folks were in the streets in Reykjavik and just couldn't be ignored
 They said this is a debt we Icelanders can't afford
 Let's guarantee deposits of all our people, yes indeed
 But as for all the speculators motivated by their greed
 To make really dumb investments, to them Iceland said good luck
 Sorry for your losses but we don't really give a fuck
 The 1% all trembled when they took away the trough

Chorus

The UK called them terrorists, said we cannot let this stand
 Who do these peacenik blonds think they are in Iceland
 They threatened isolation, an economy in flames
 But the Icelanders said sorry, but the banks can settle their own claims
 Though that might be harder for them now that they're under house arrest
 Or else they fled the country, as they were most unwelcome guests
 And now Reykjavik's recovery just makes the fatcats sputter and cough

Chorus

If you haven't heard of this example, perhaps there's a reason why
 The owners of the world don't want this kind of shit to fly
 They say we all must pay up in this shakedown by the mob
 If we can't afford to pay the rent 'cause we don't have a job
 They say it's not their problem if we're forever shackled by their debt
 We must save the 1% from the fate they should have met
 But there is an alternative, though it makes the fatcats scoff

Chorus