

## The Halting March

The musical score for "The Halting March" is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves of music. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The chords are indicated by letters above the notes. The sequence of chords across the staves is as follows:

- Staff 1: Am, G
- Staff 2: Am
- Staff 3: Em, G, AmG, Am, Em7, G
- Staff 4: G, Am, Em, Am
- Staff 5: Em, G, Am, Em, Am
- Staff 6: Em, Am, Em, G, Am, Em
- Staff 7: Am, Em, Am

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Also known as "The Pikeman's March" and "Wexford Pikemen", its origins are with the pikemen of Northern Ireland and it was used a training tool. The ordered set of breaks in it are indicative of thrusts with the pike.

It has been recorded by Boys of the Lough and others.

I think I first heard this at one of the Sunhearth gatherings. I don't remember how I came to actually know it but I must have heard someone's recording of it, possibly the Boys of the Lough.