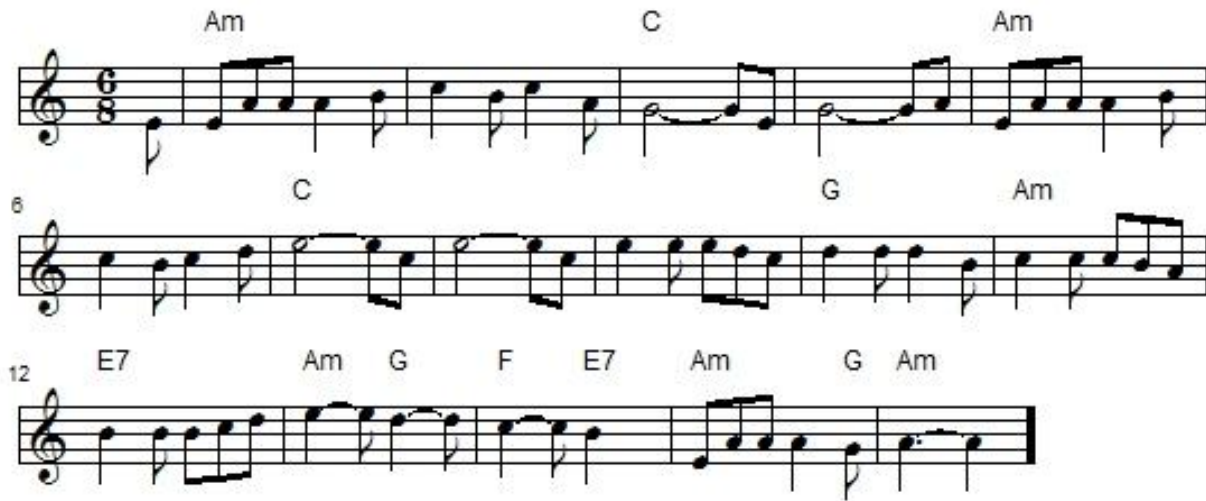


# When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Patrick Gilmore



1. When Johnny comes marching home  
again,  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
We'll give him a hearty welcome then  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
The men will cheer, the boys will shout  
The ladies they will all turn out  
And we'll all feel gay when  
Johnny comes marching home.
2. The old church bell will peal with joy  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
To welcome home our darling boy  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
The village lads and lassies say  
With roses they will strew the way  
And we'll all feel gay when  
Johnny comes marching home.
3. Get ready for the Jubilee  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
We'll give the hero three times three  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
The laurel wreath is ready now  
To place upon his loyal brow  
And we'll all feel gay when  
Johnny comes marching home.
4. Let love and friends on that day  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
Their choicest treasures then display  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
And let each one perform some part  
To fill with joy each warrior's heart.  
And we'll all feel gay when  
Johnny comes marching home.

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The melody was previously published around July 1, 1863, as the music to the Civil War drinking song "Johnny Fill up the Bowl". The tune is also used for "Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye".