Contra and Waltz Tunes by Cary Ravitz
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Notes

I include left repeat marks on the first line so that it is easy to concatenate tunes in ABC format. On contra tunes, I use a double bar in the middle to highlight the 8 beat phrase.

Chords assume a boom-chuck style for contras and a boom-chuck-chuck style for waltzes. Boom is the root note of the chord, chuck is the full chord. If you play the full chord on the boom part, you might find some discord.

On contra tunes -

> I include a double bar after measure four to highlight the eight beat phrase.
>
> I use 4/4 time because I find it the easiest time signature to read – mostly quarter and eighth notes.
>
> There are two beats (dance steps) per measure (half note is one beat). Tempo should be between 110 and 120 beats per minute for contra dancers.
>
> Chords are boom-chuck-boom-chuck for each measure.

On waltzes -

> There are three beats (dance steps) per measure (quarter note is one beat). Tempo should be around 125 beats per minute for waltzing at contra dances.
>
> Chords are boom-chuck-chuck for each measure.
>
> The harmony lines, included here as separate tunes, can be played sequentially as well as parallel with the melody.

For a title that ends with "**Easy**", that is a special version of the tune that I prepared because I can't play the original at dance tempo. The changes my be very small, just to untangle my fingers or brain.

For a title that ends with "**Break**", that is a variation on the tune, using identical chords, only for contras. These are meant to be played sequentially with the primary melody to provide diversity. Some of the breaks are for traditional tunes and you need to verify that they work with the version that you use.

For a title that ends with "**Harmony**", that is a harmony line for the tune, only for waltzes. These can be played simultaneously with the primary melody or sequentially.

Adrift Em

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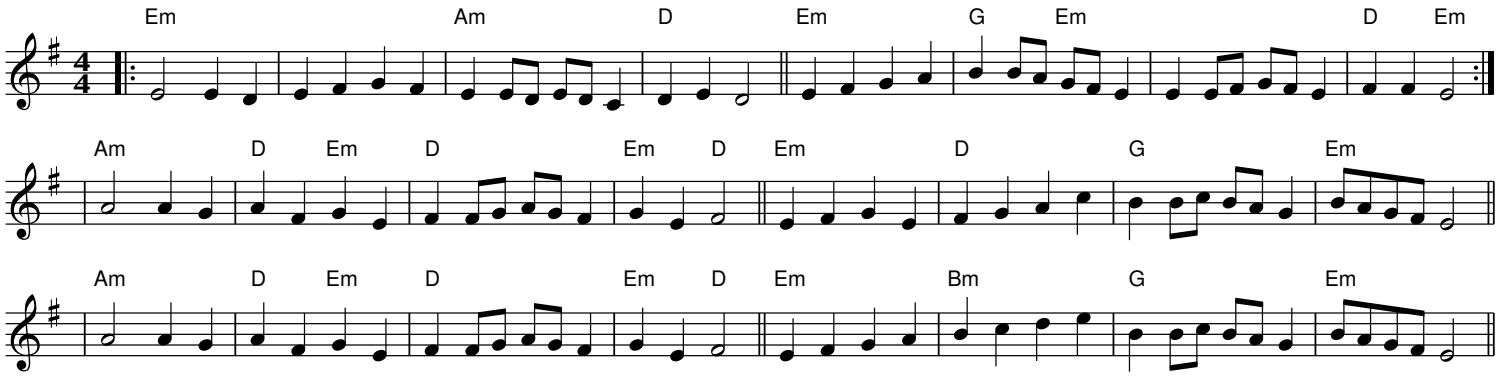

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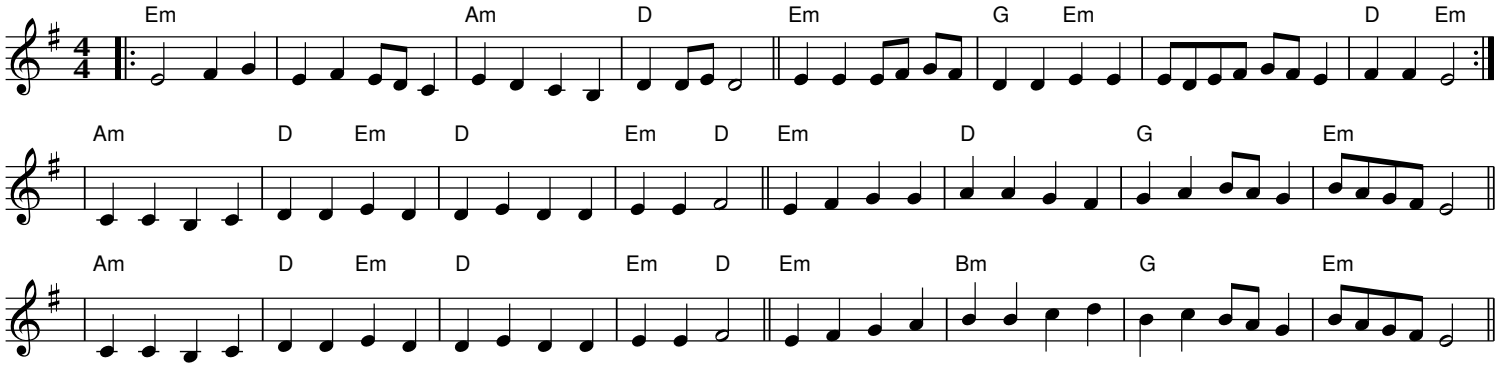

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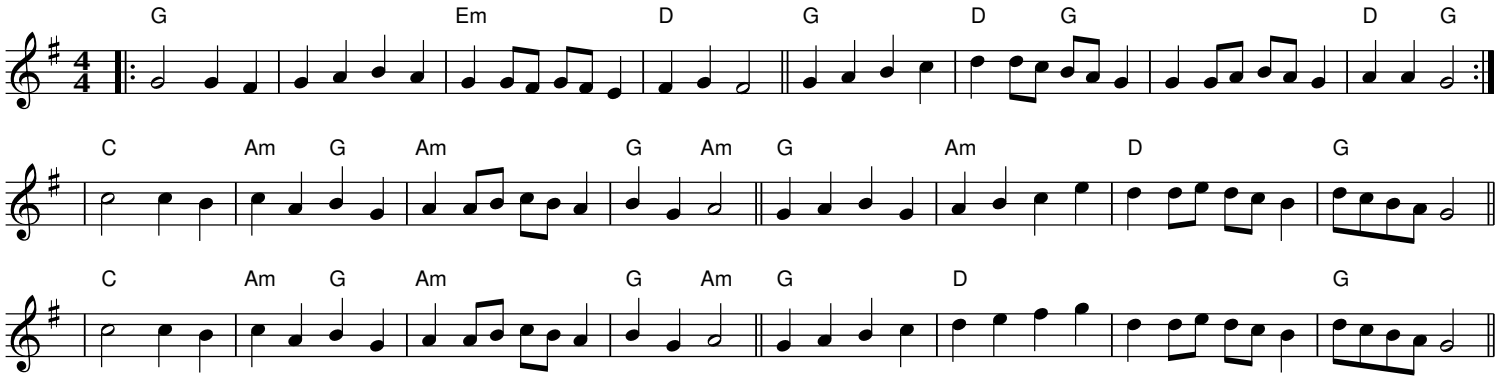

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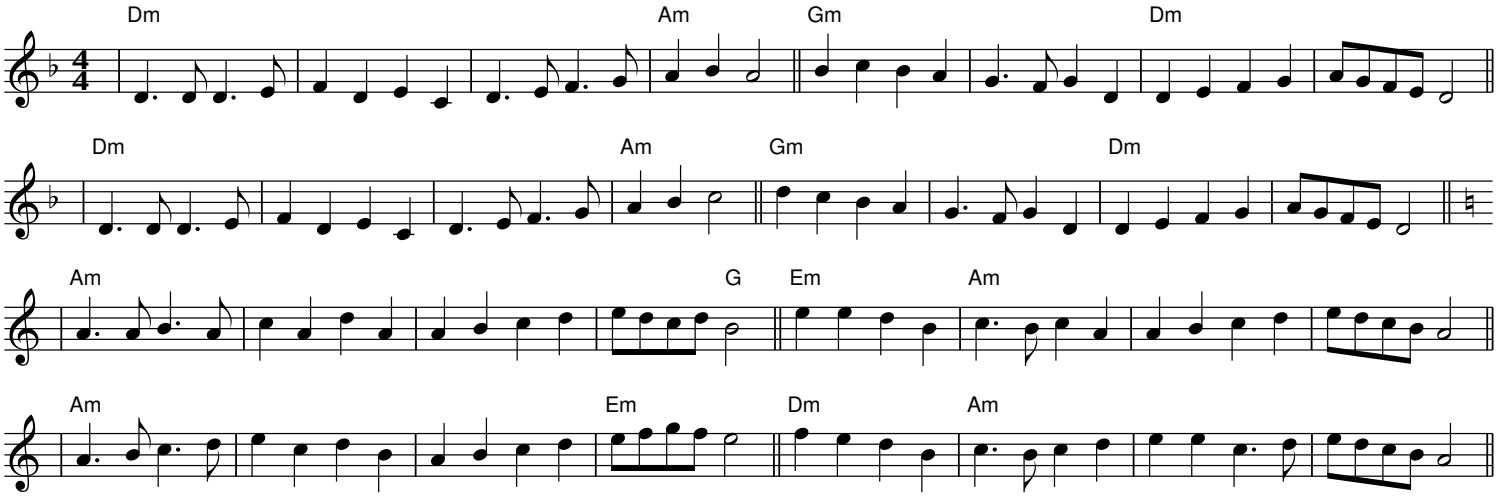

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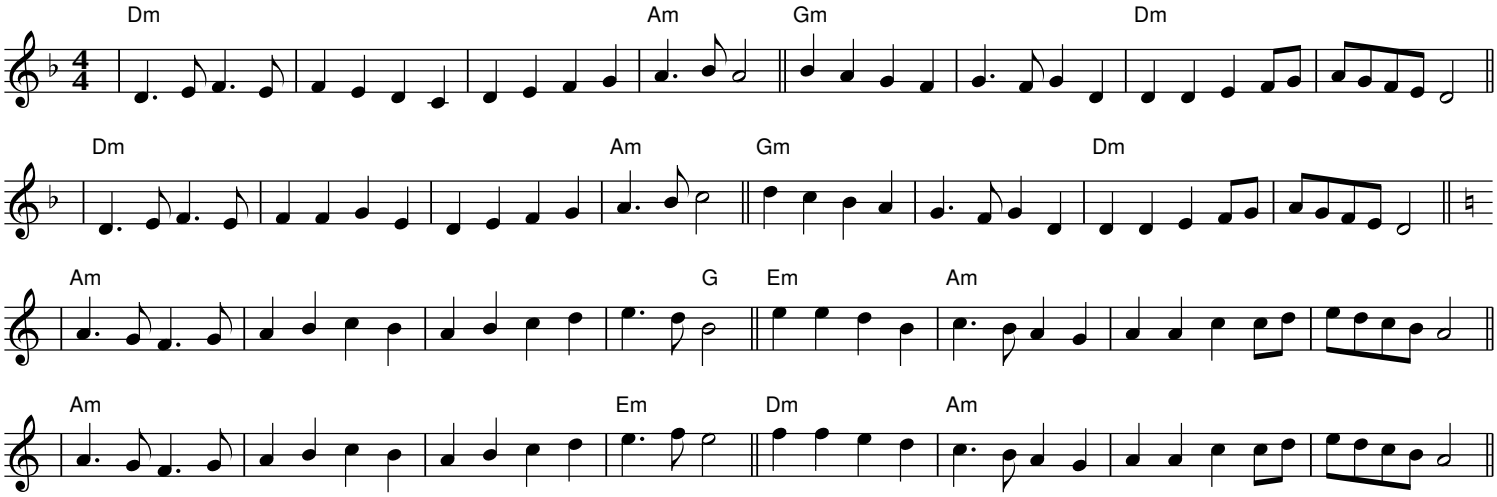

Autumn Air

Ador

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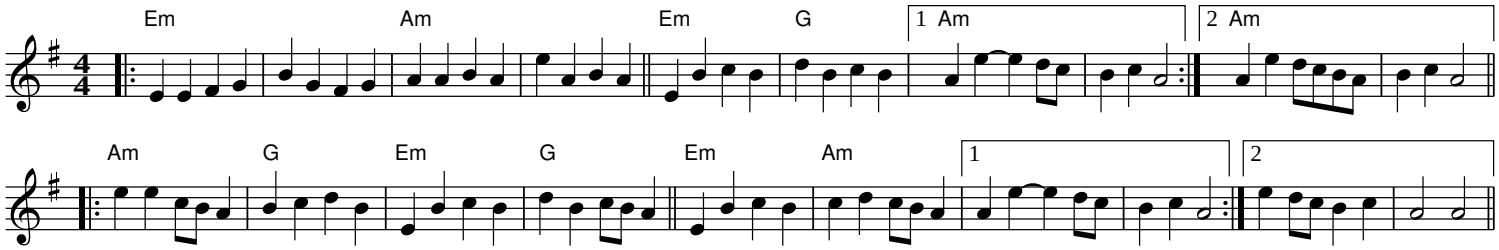

Autumn Breeze

Em

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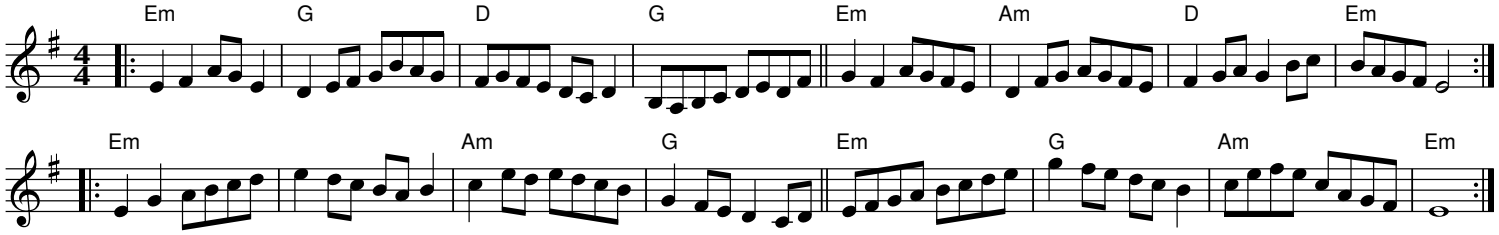

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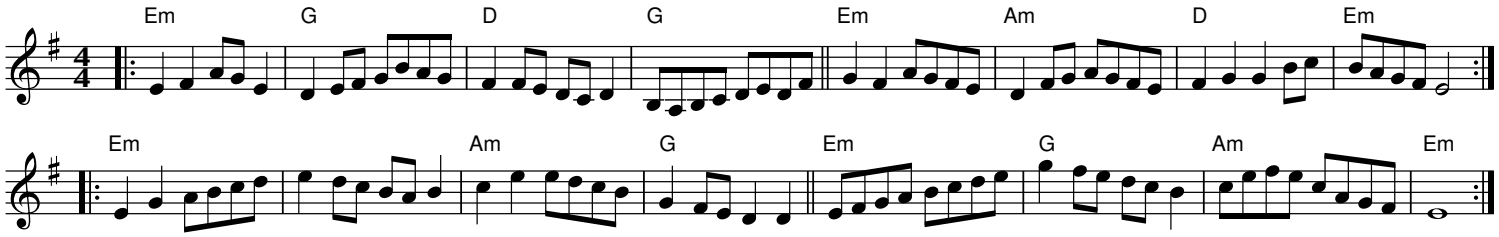

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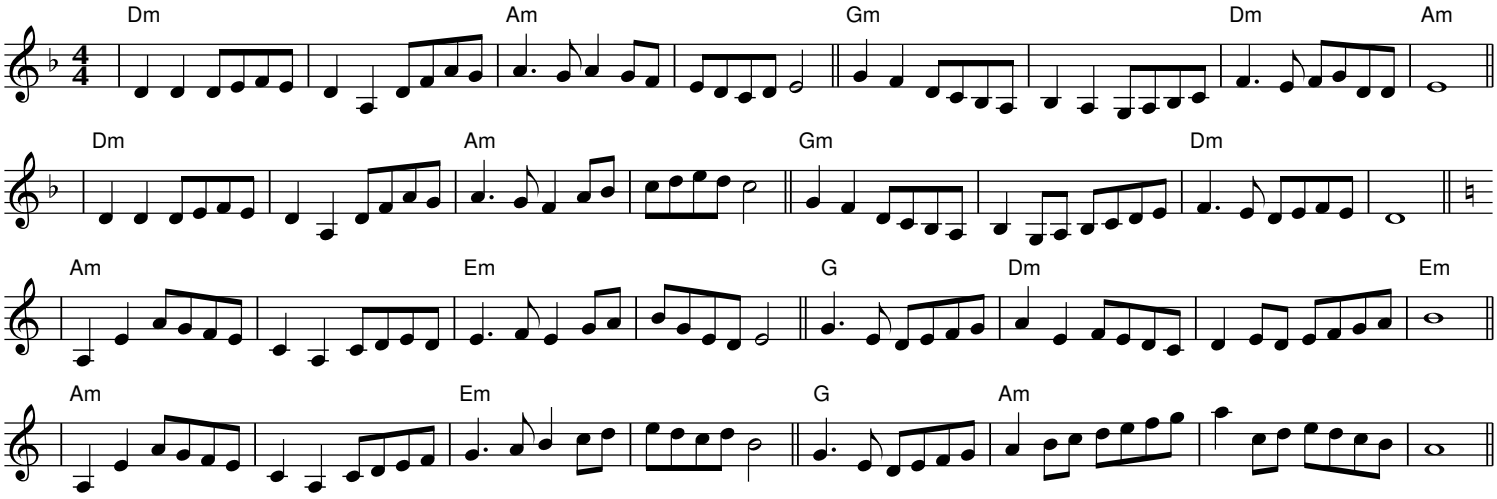

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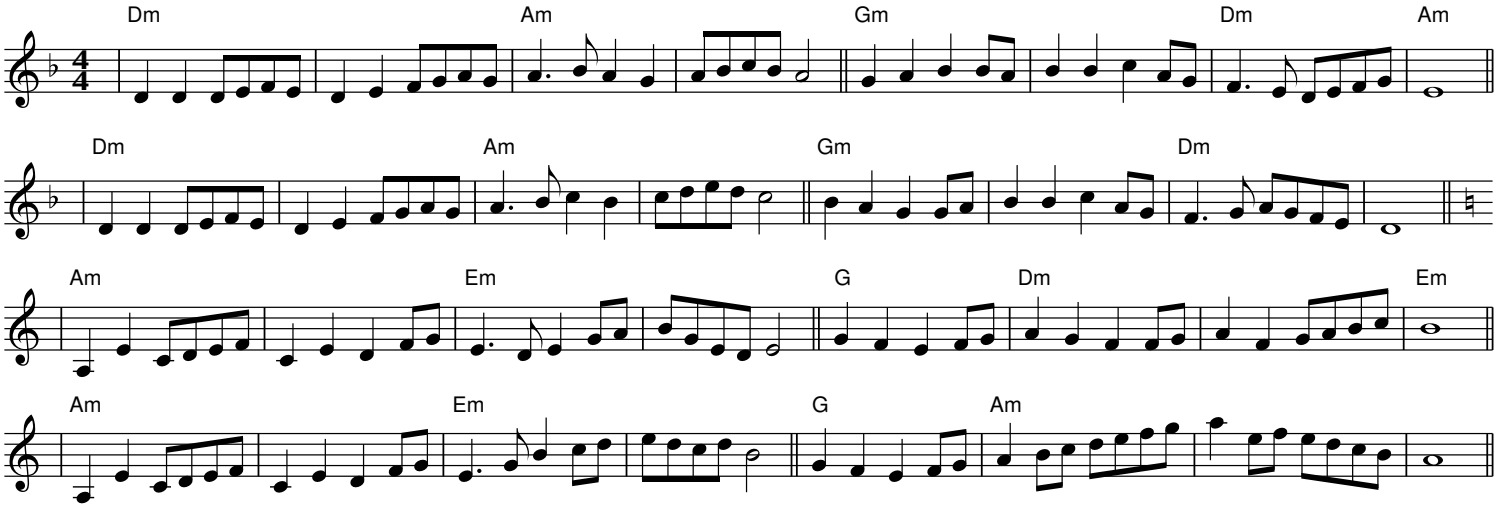

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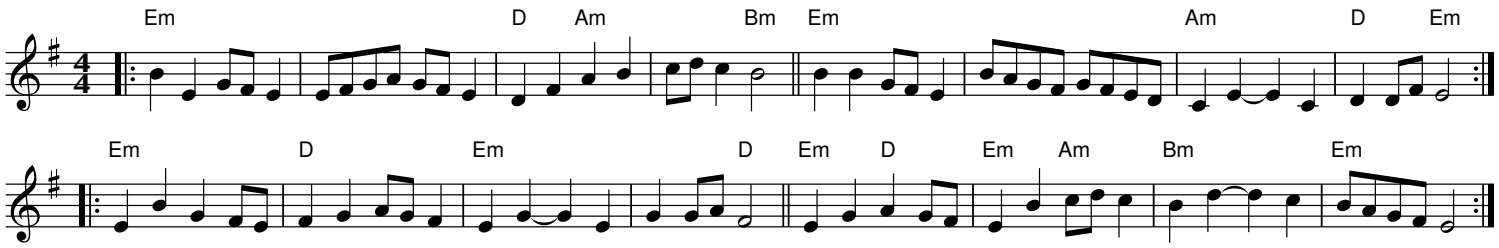

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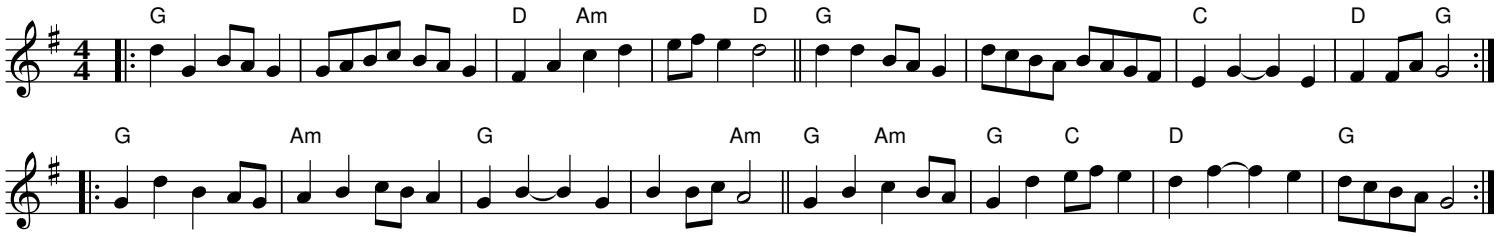

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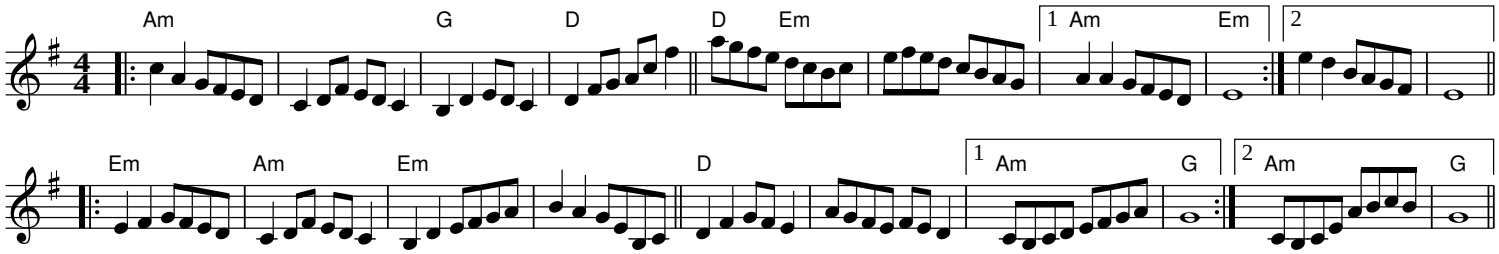

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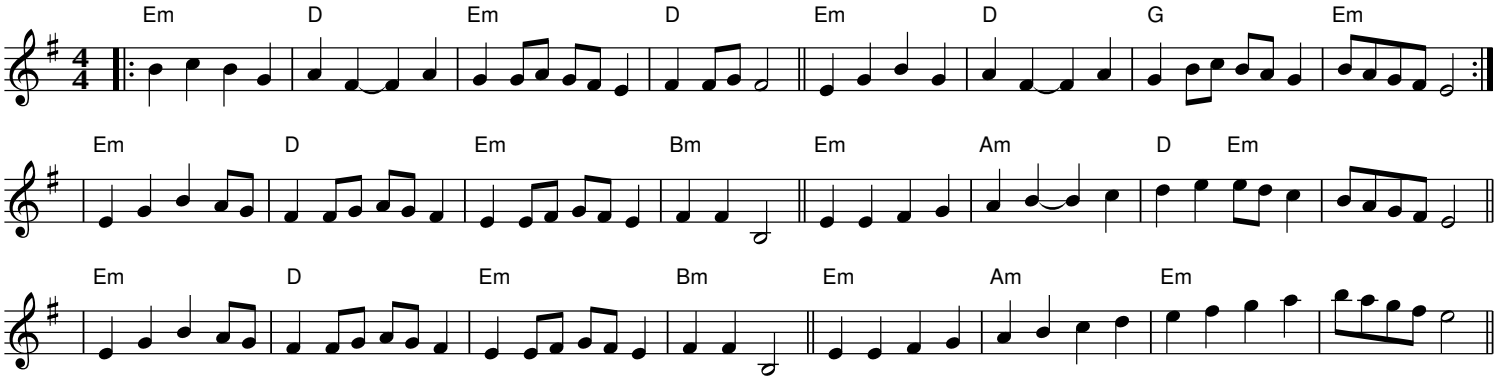

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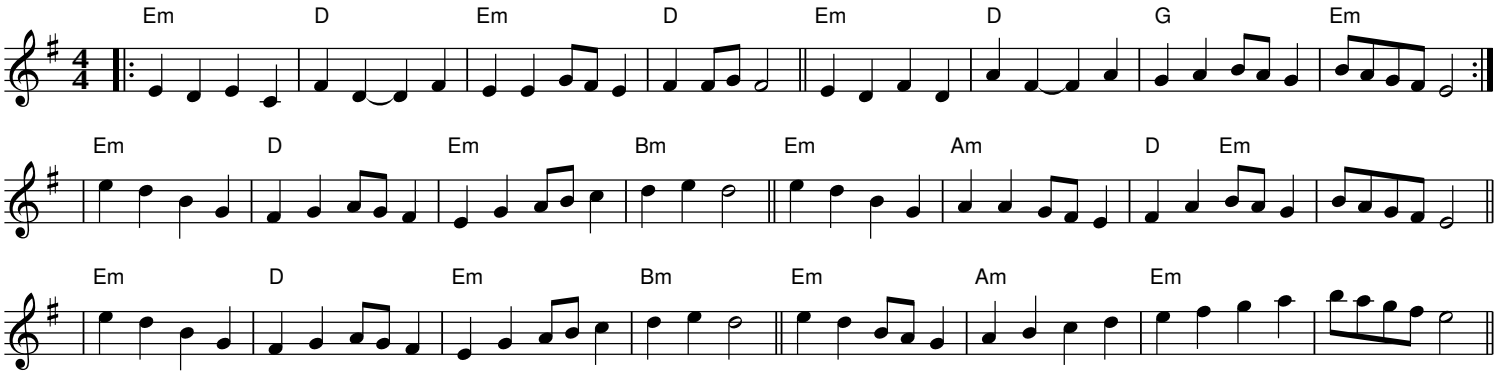

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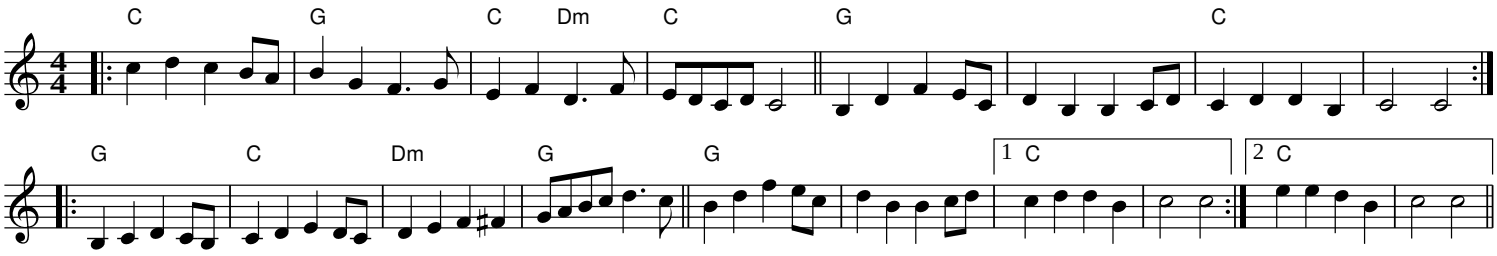

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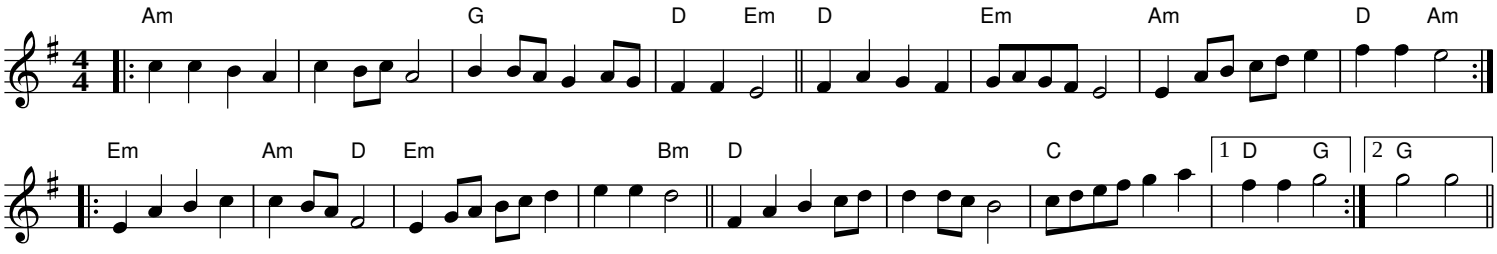

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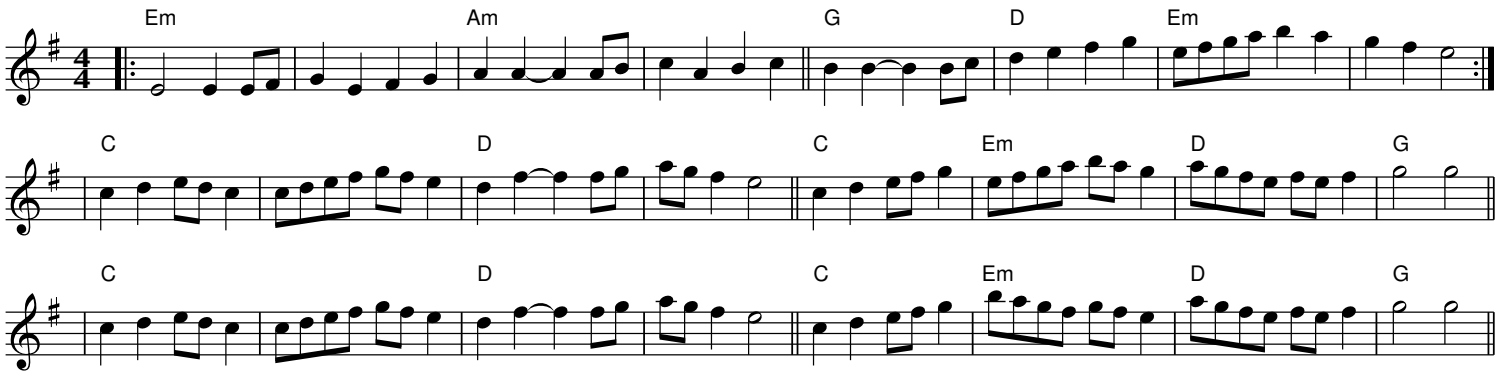

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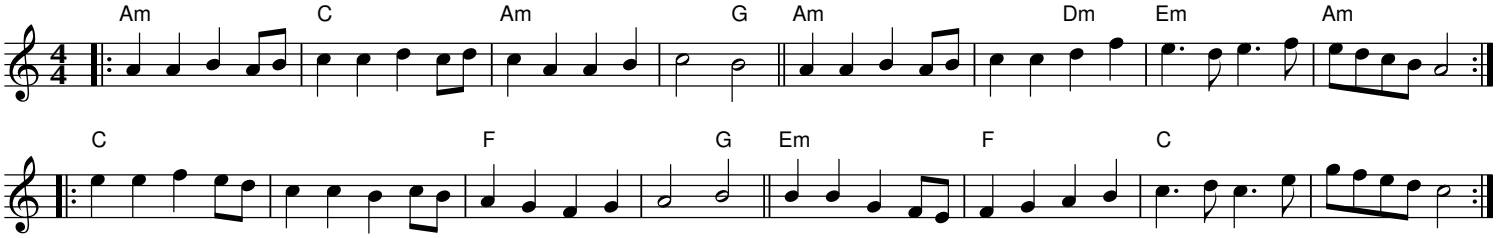

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Am/C

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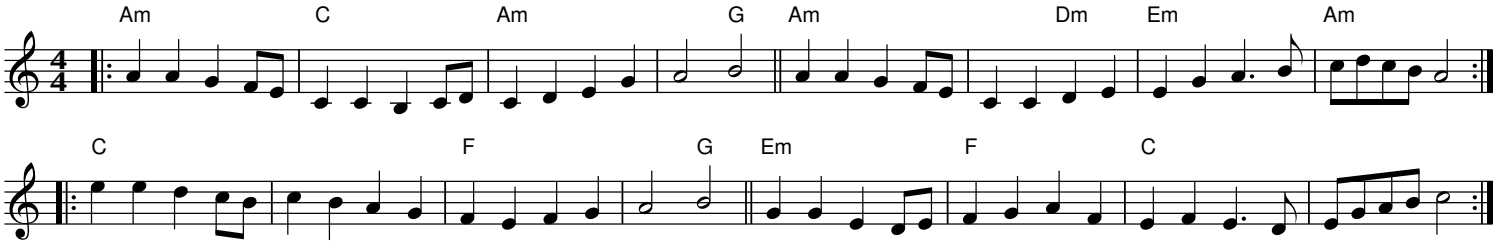

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Em/G

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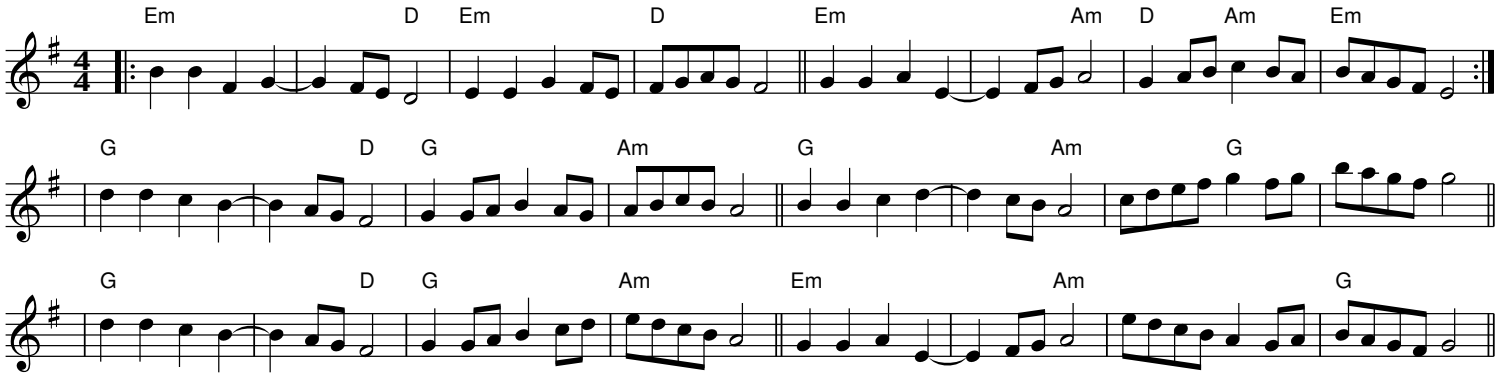

Flurry

G

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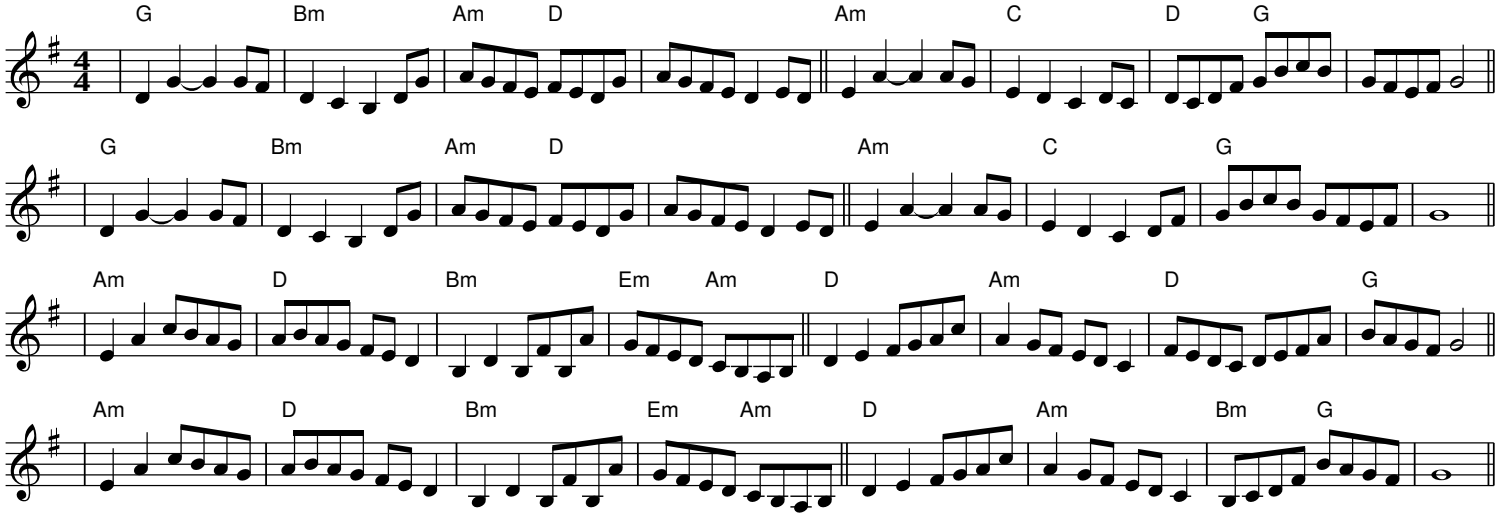

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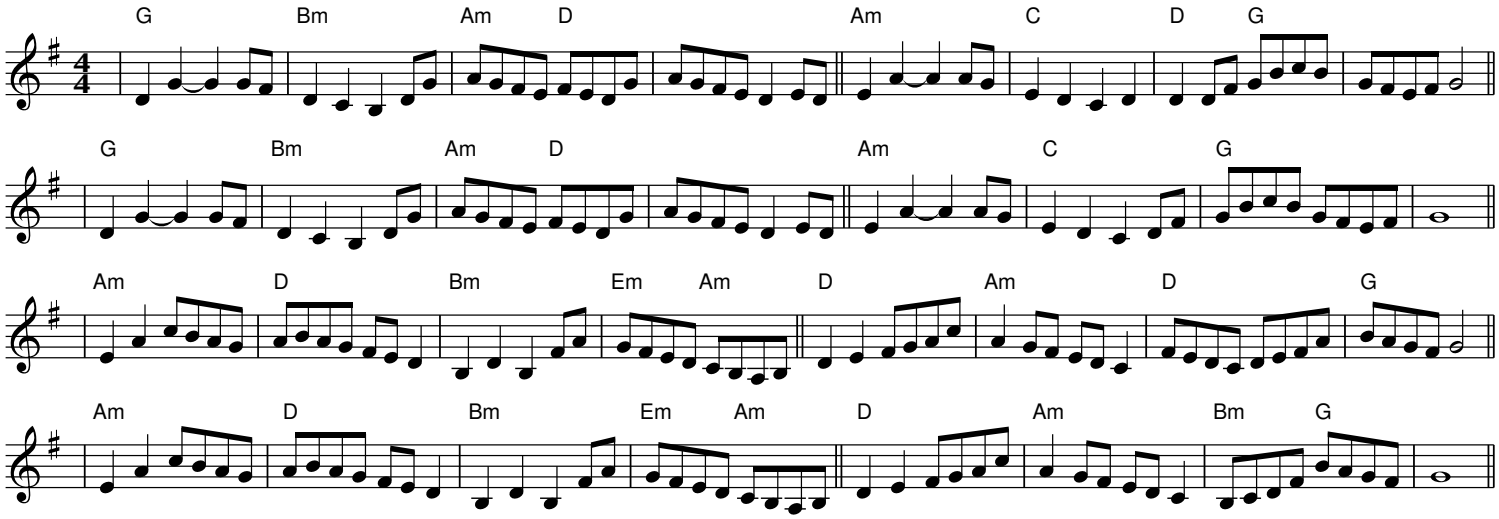

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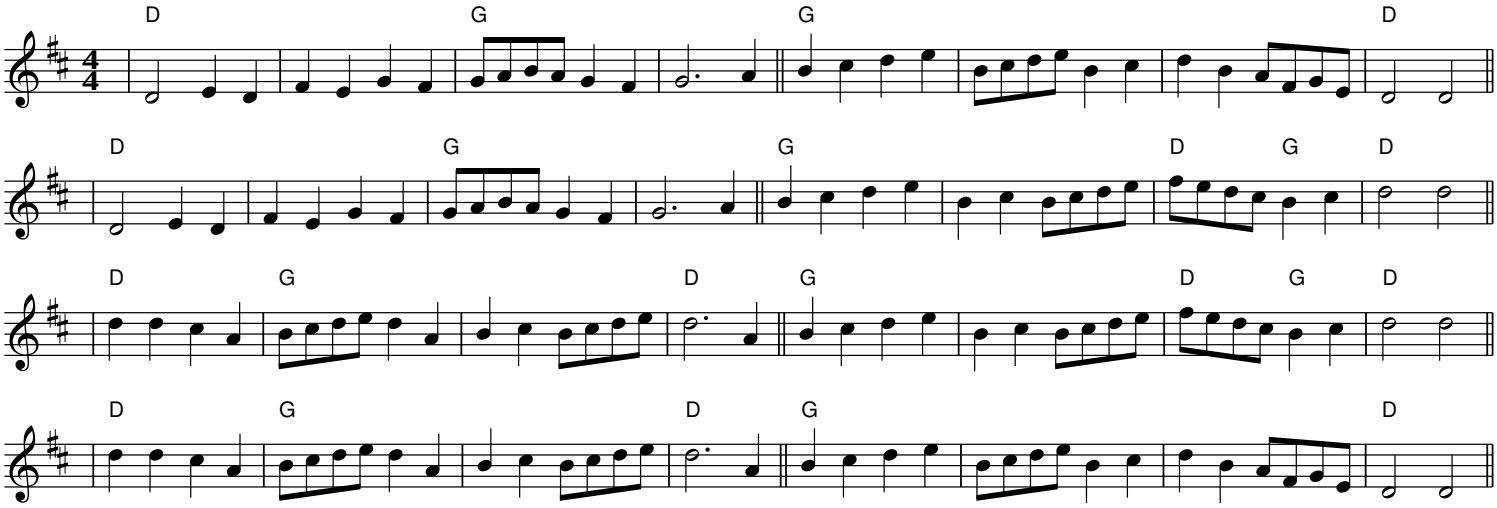

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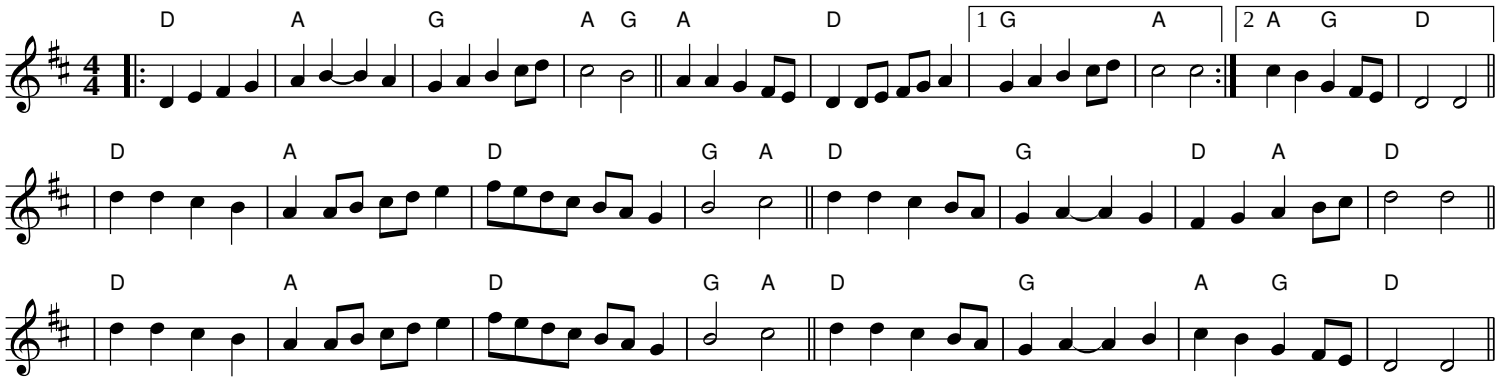

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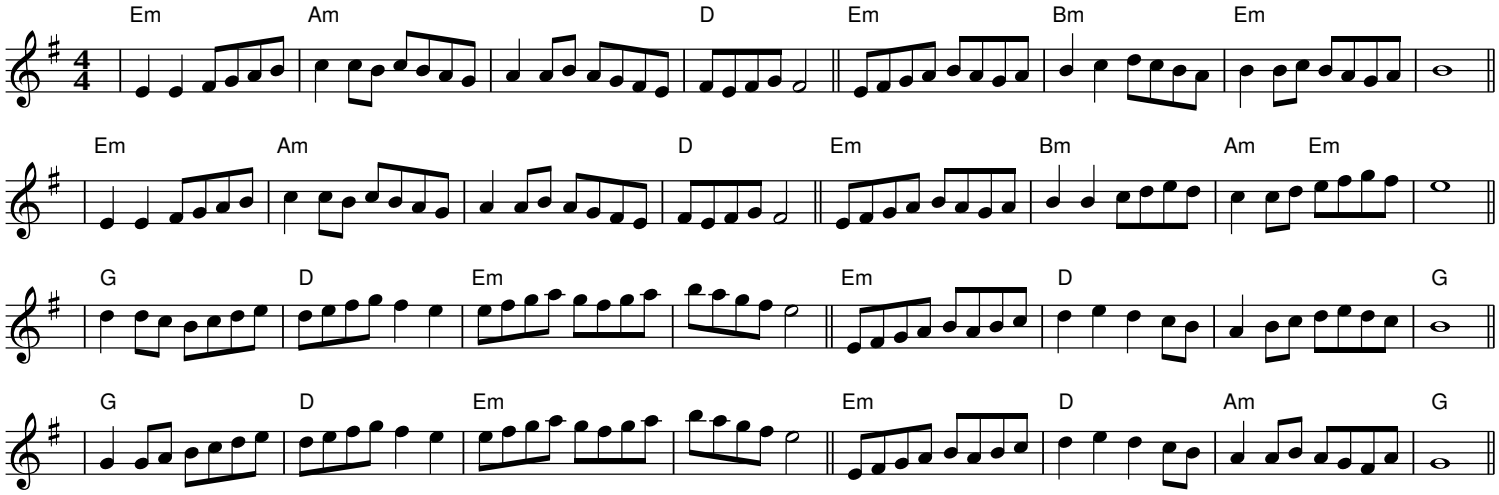

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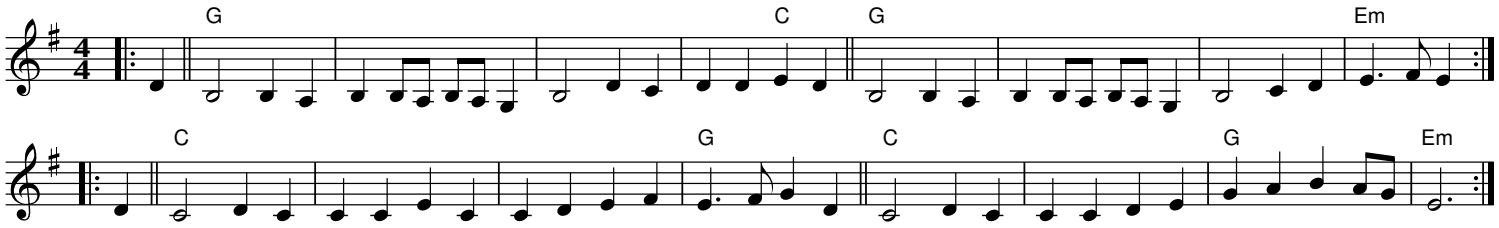

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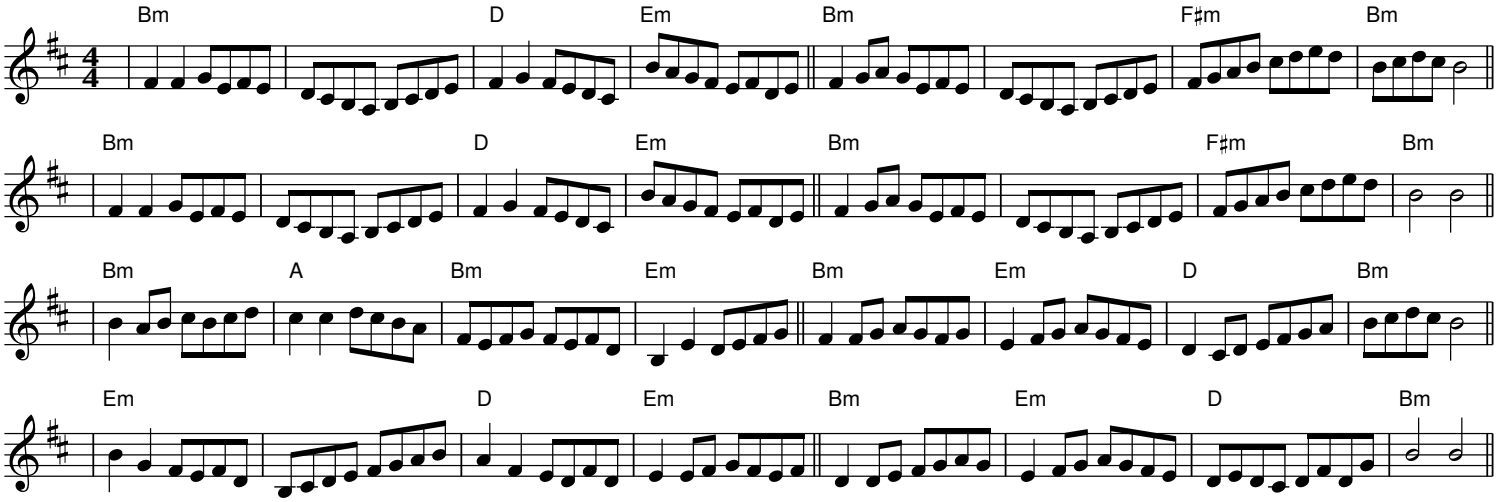

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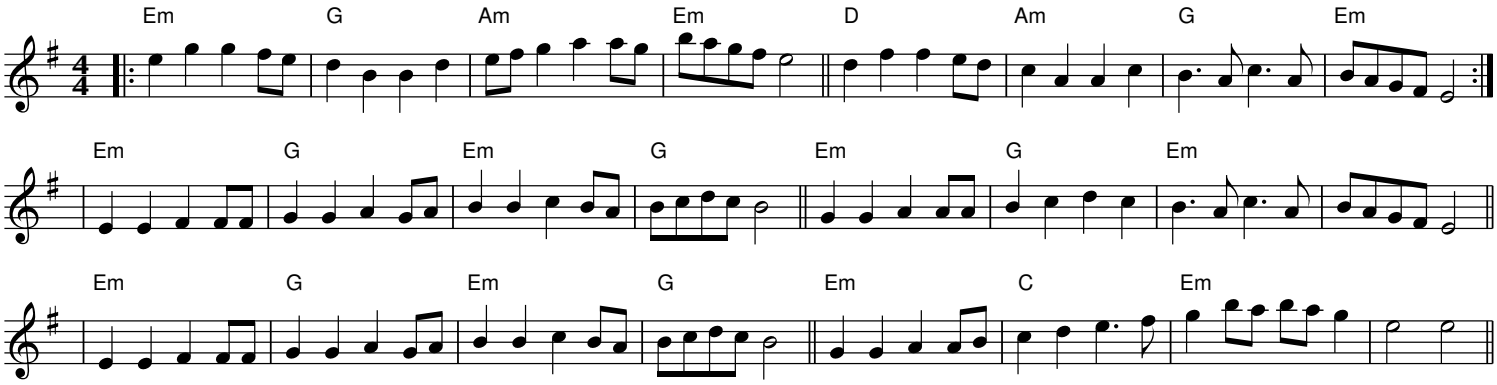

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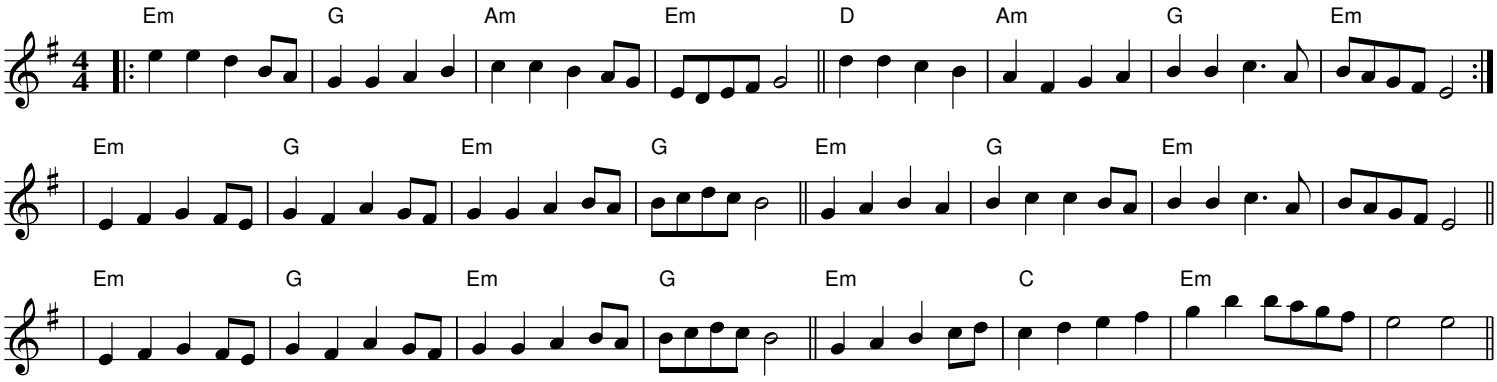

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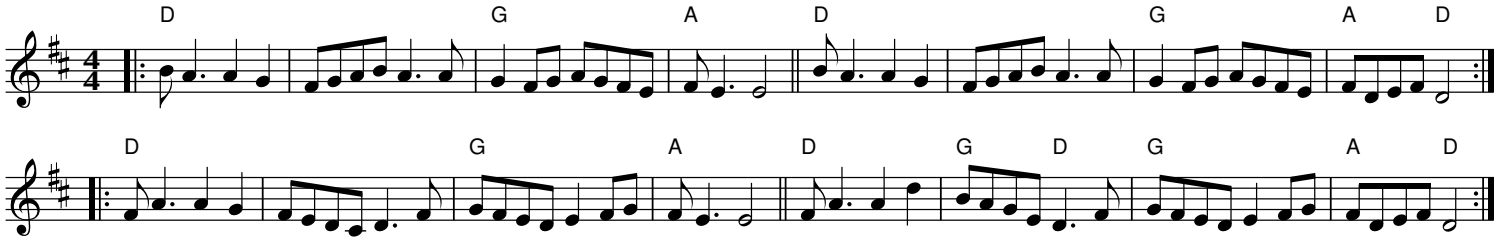

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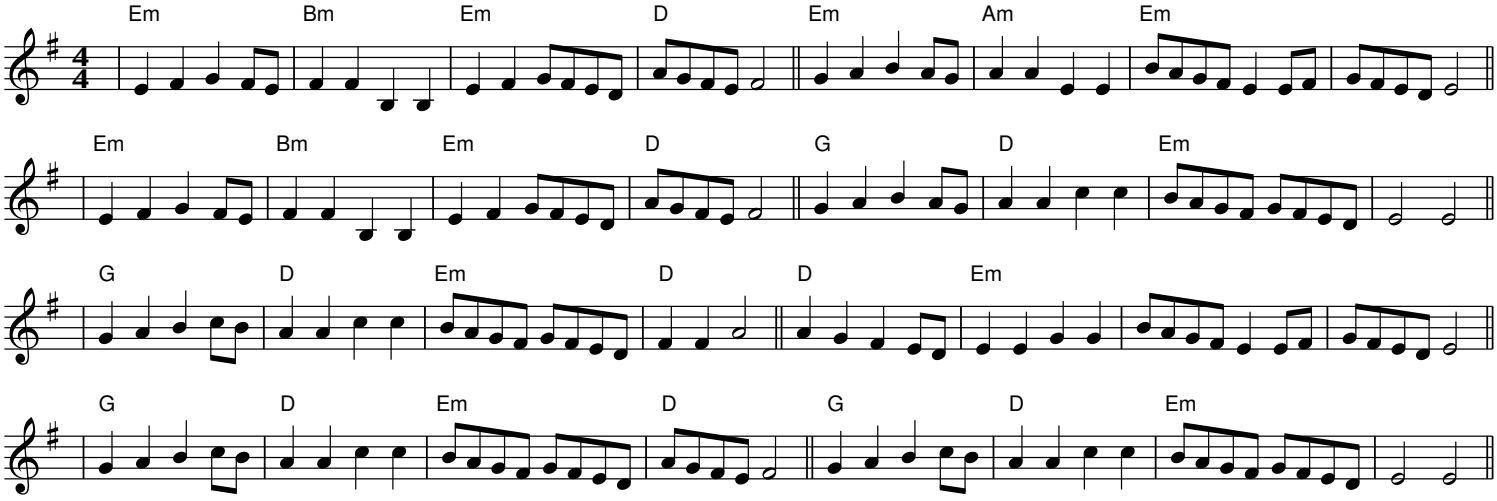

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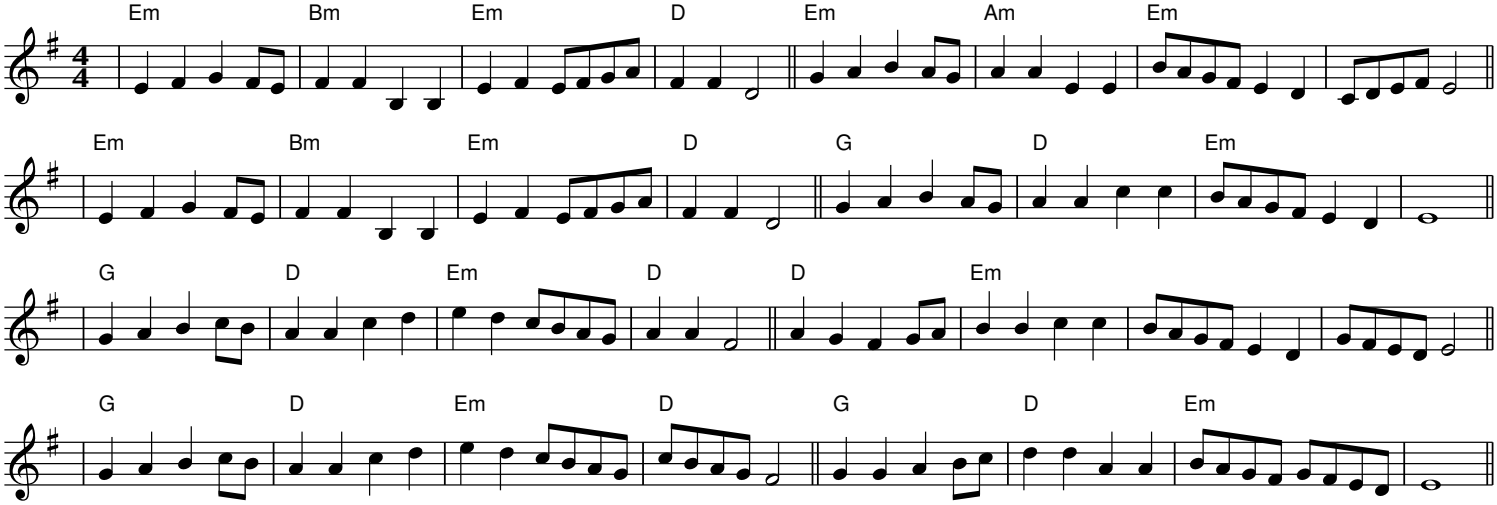

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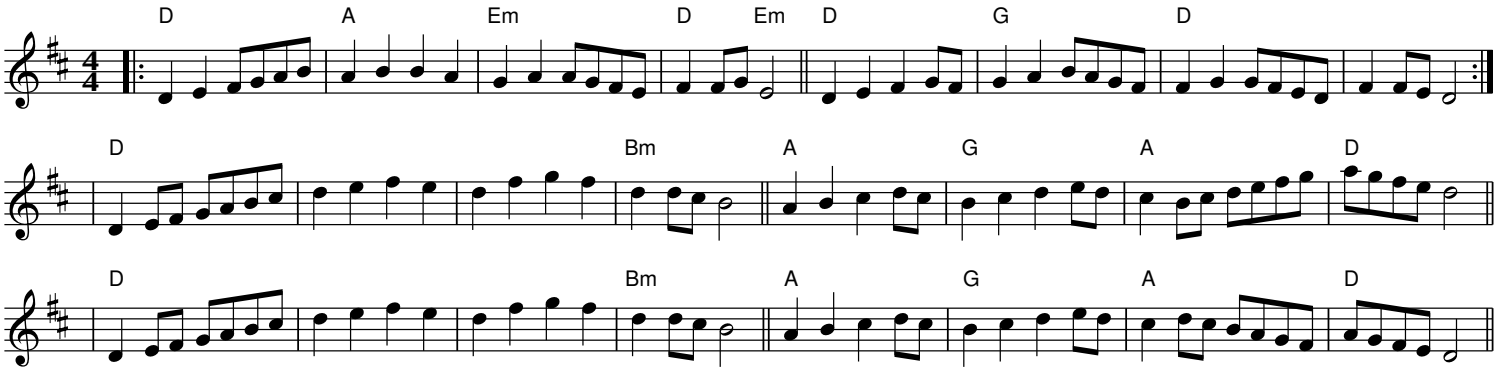

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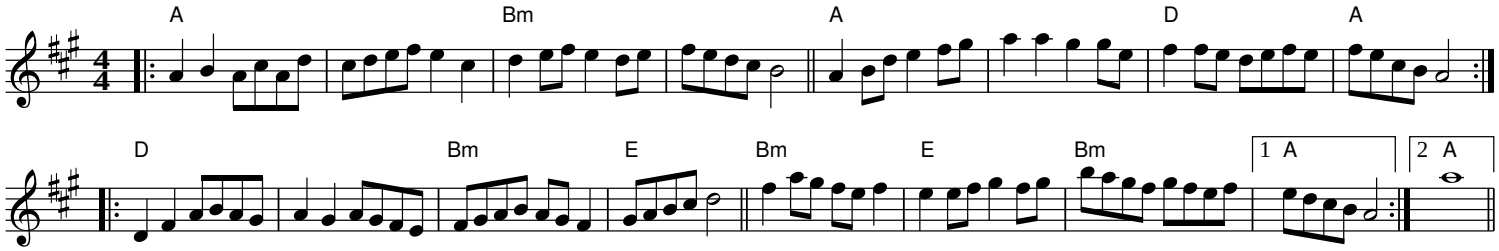

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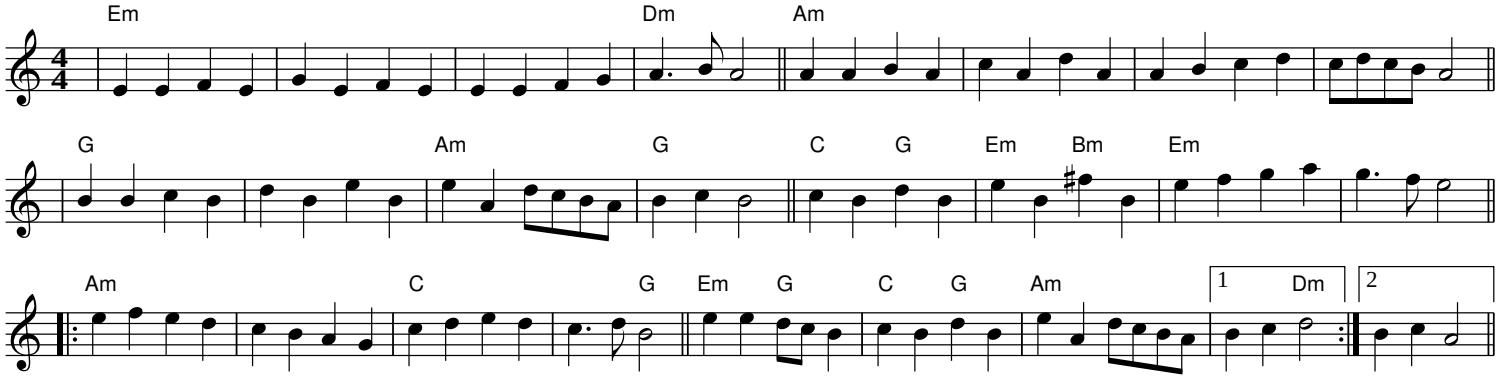

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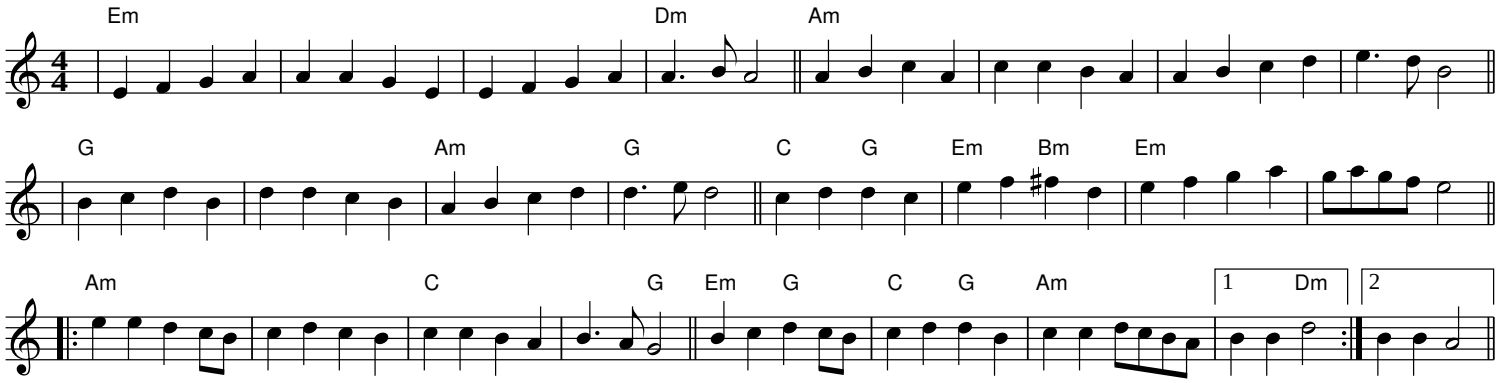

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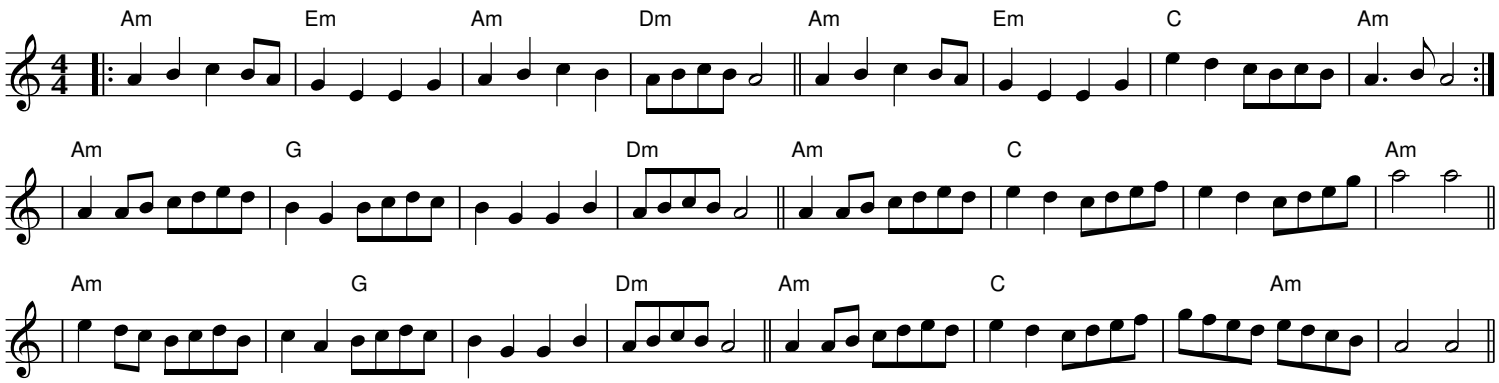

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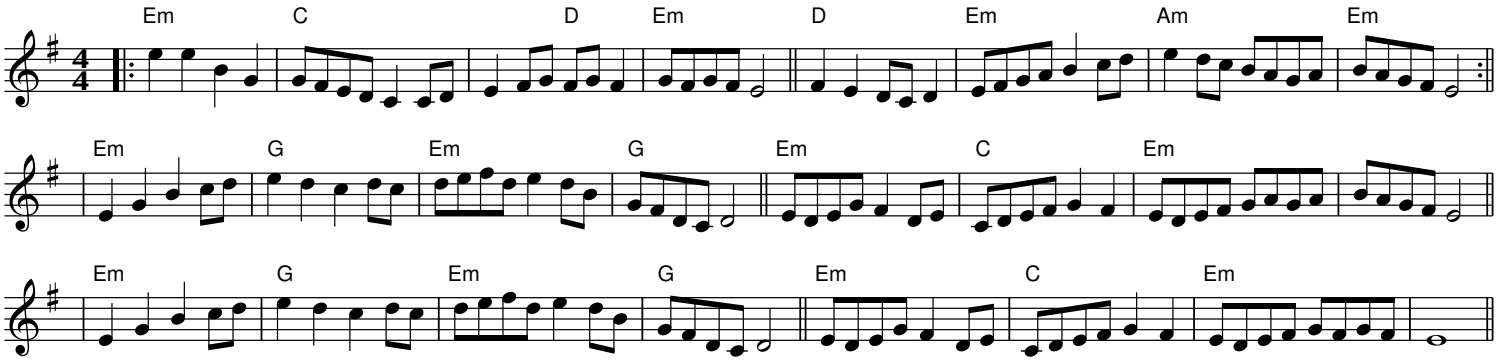

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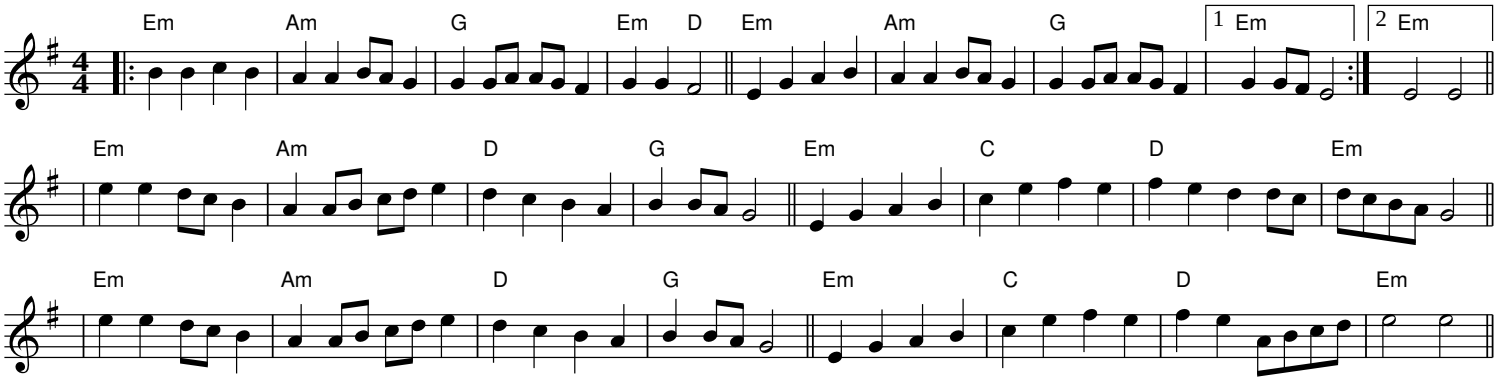

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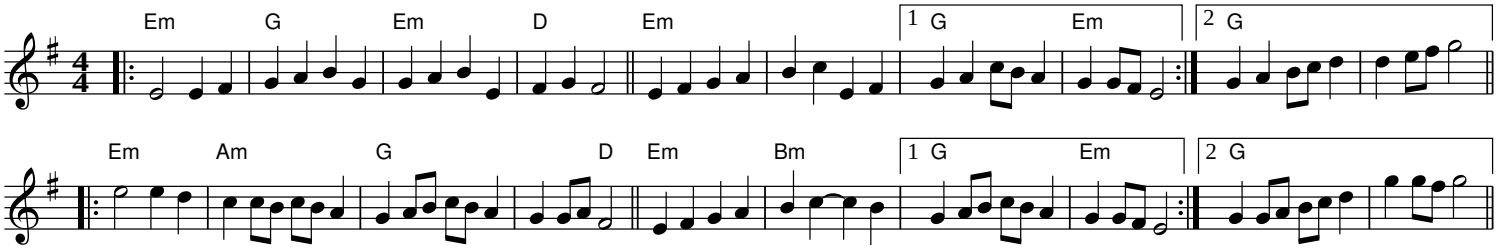

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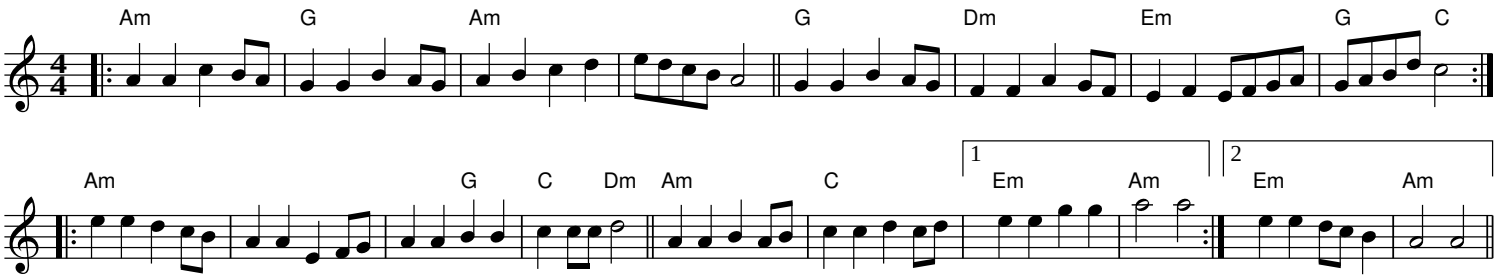

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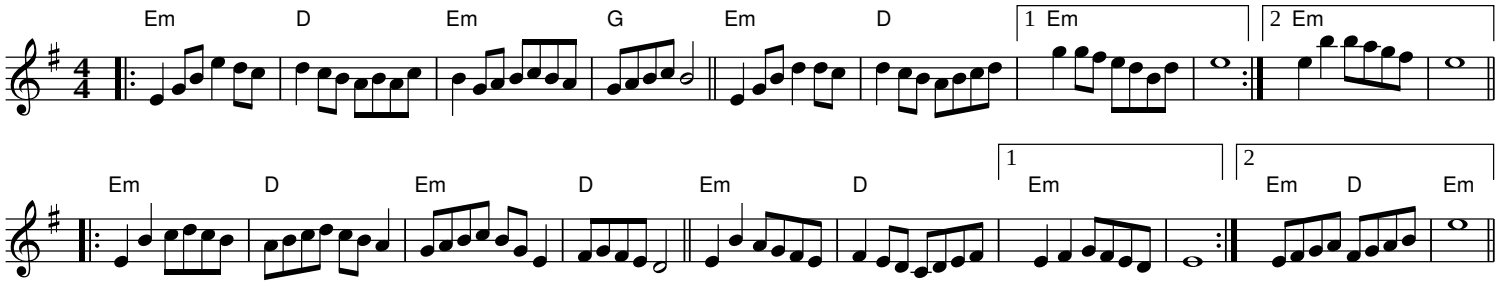

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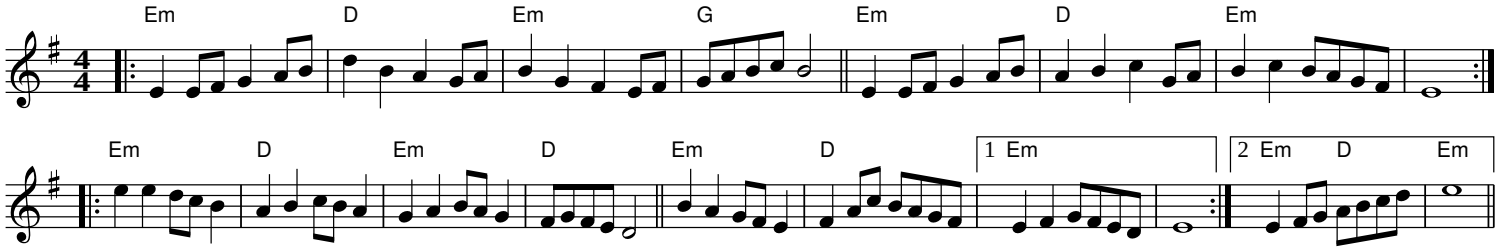

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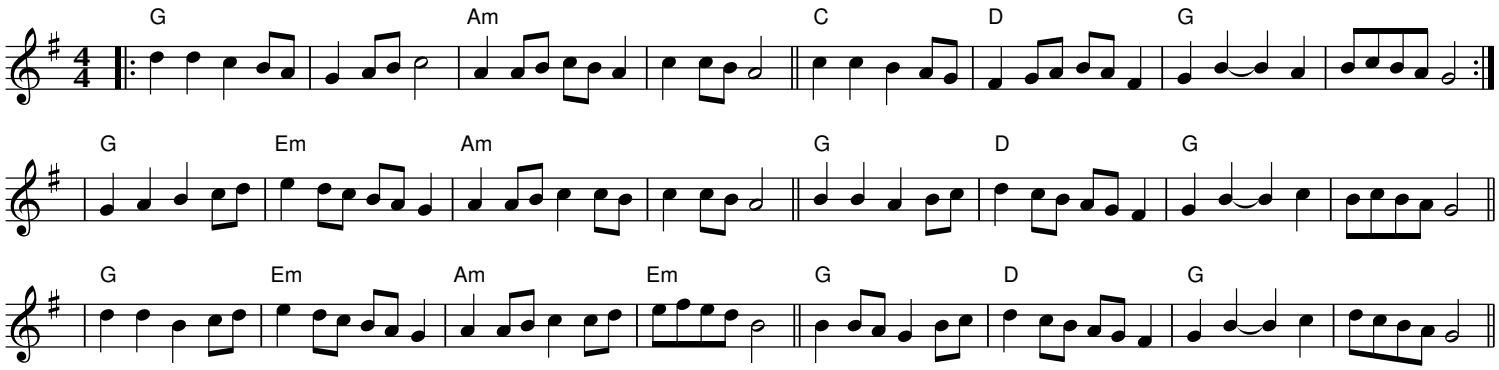

Snake in the Hey

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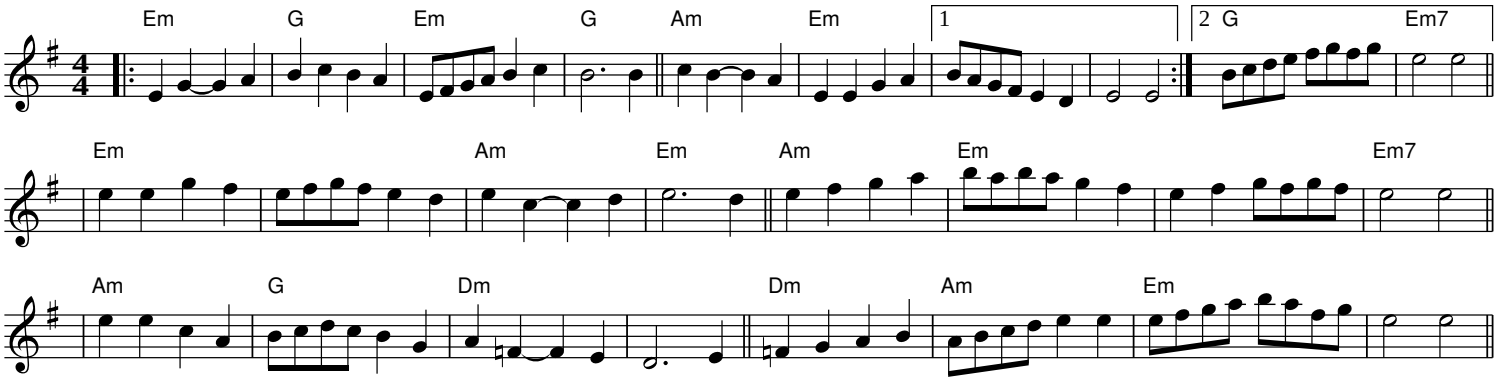

Snake in the Hey Break

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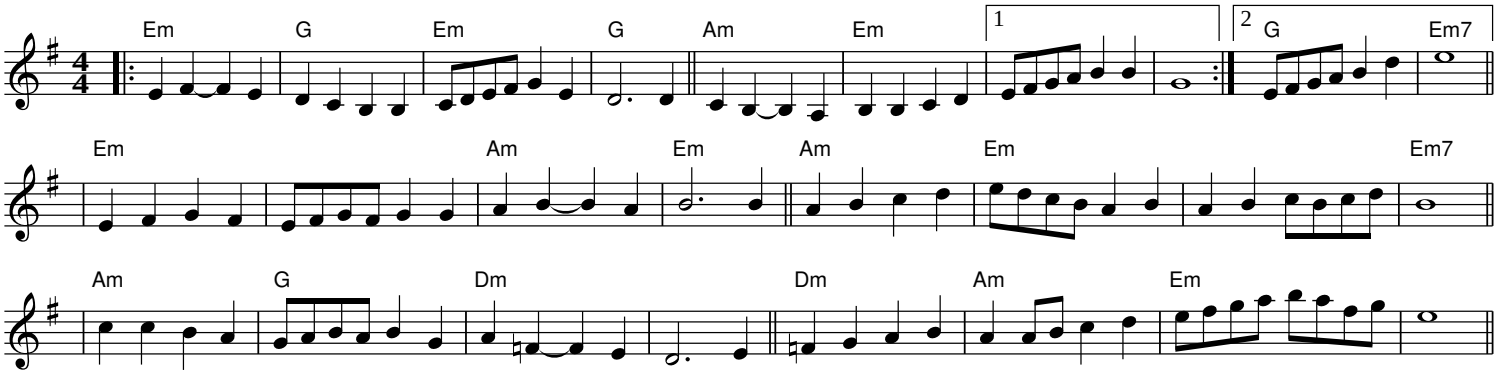

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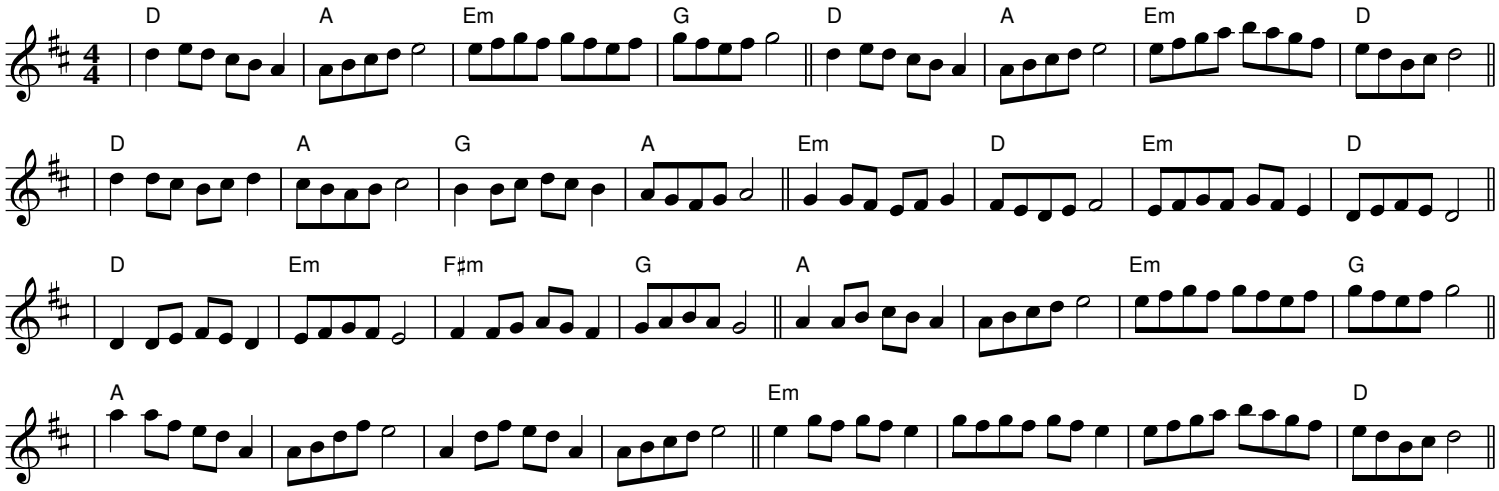

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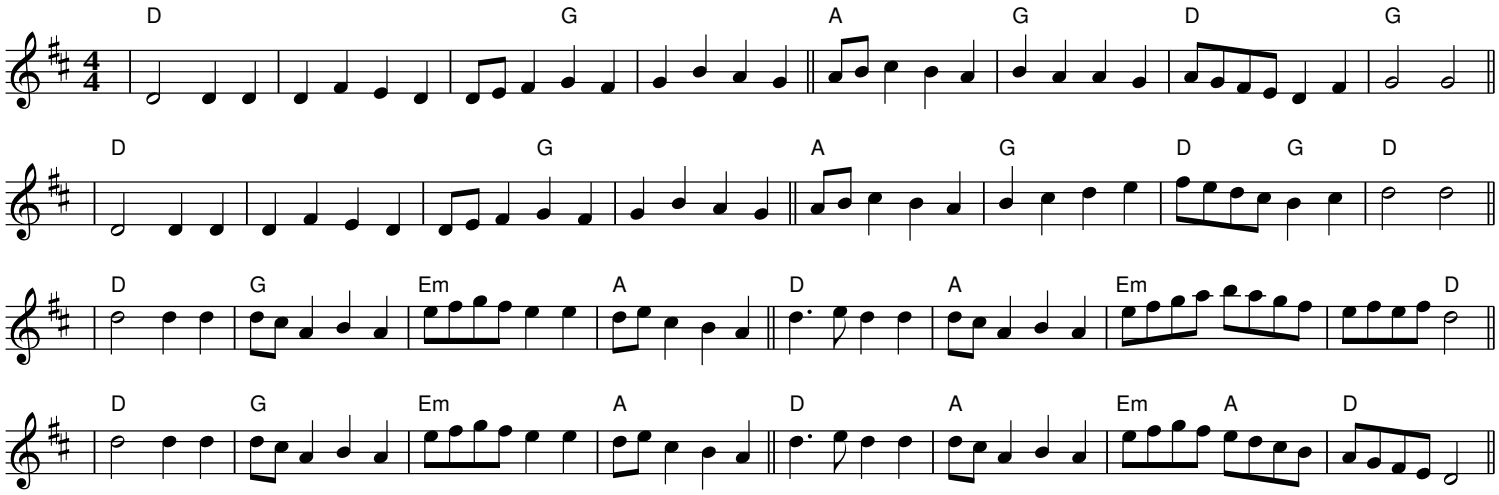

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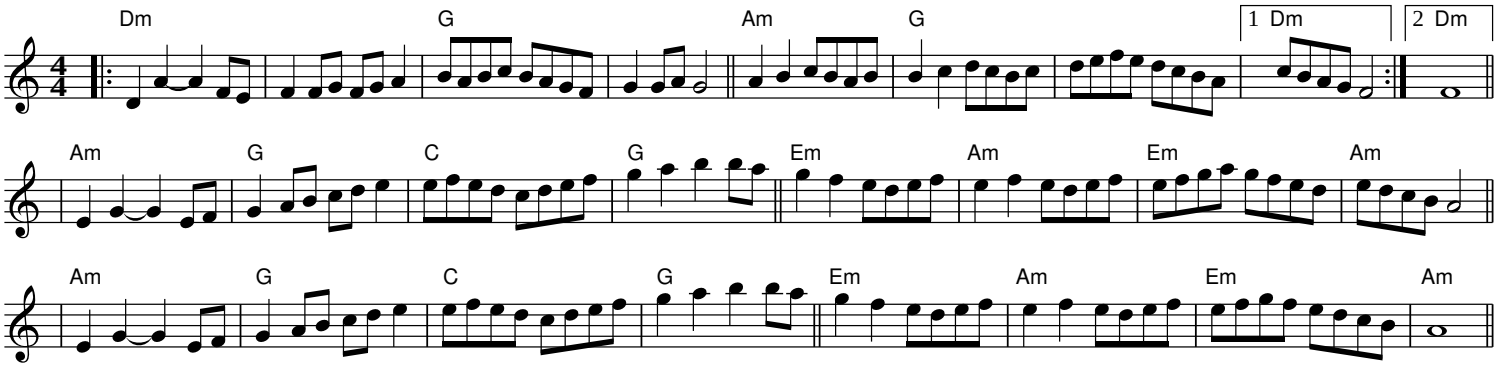

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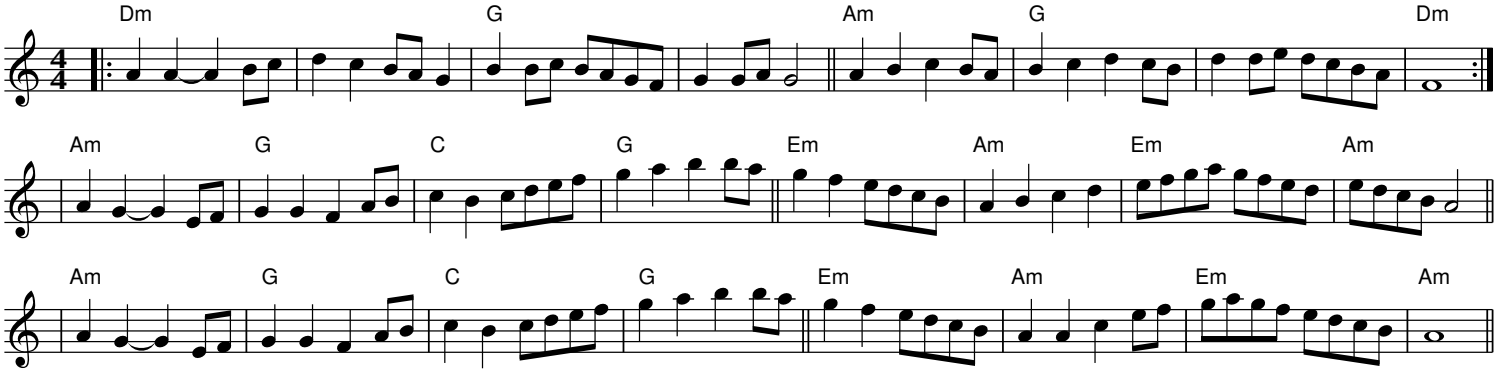

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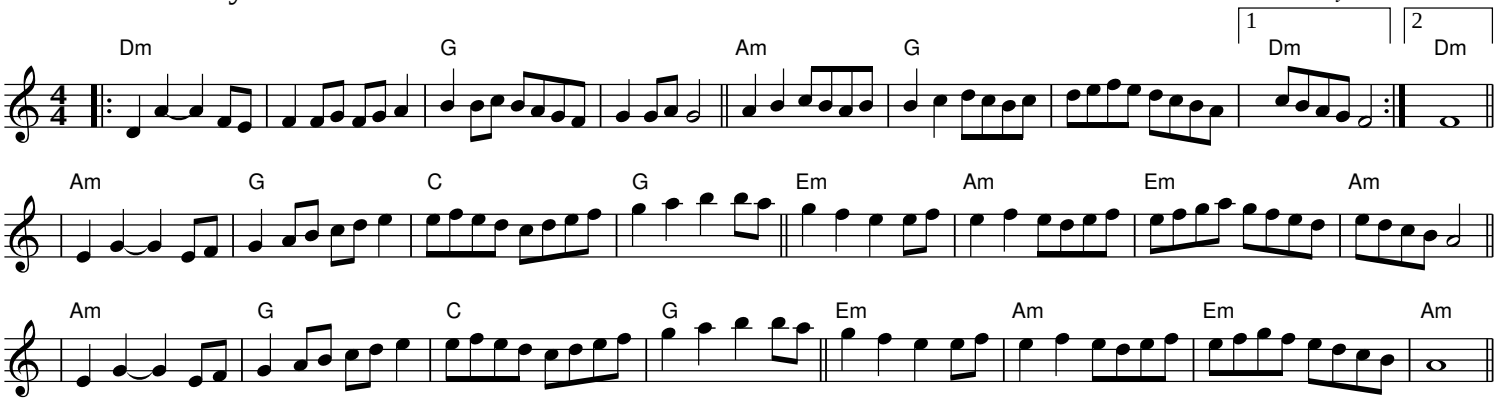

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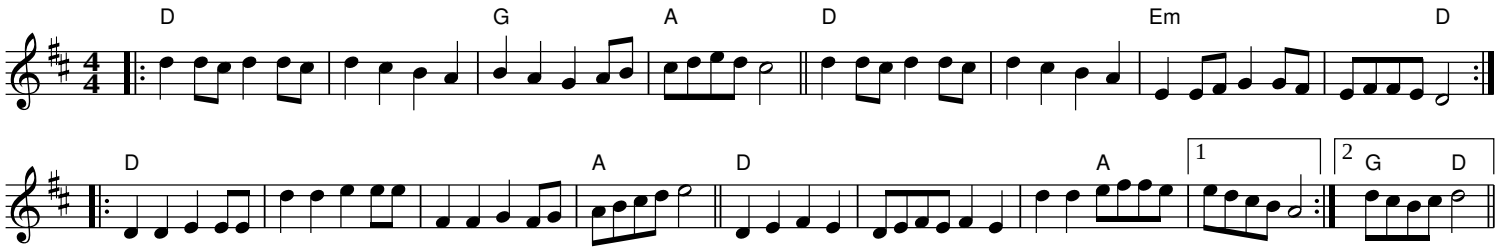

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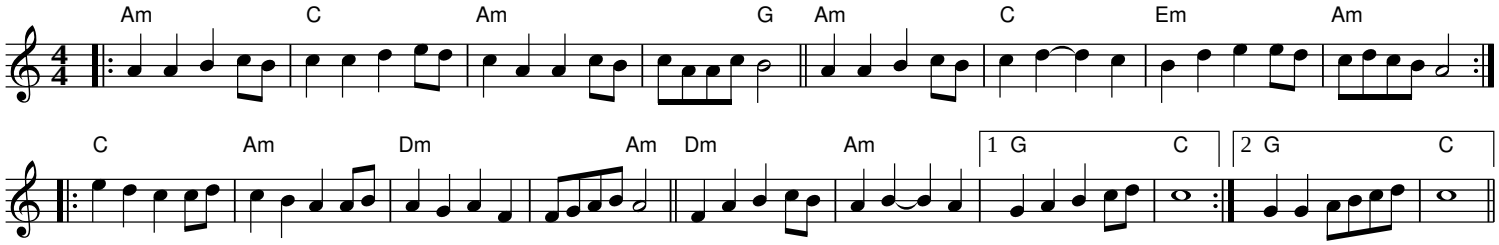

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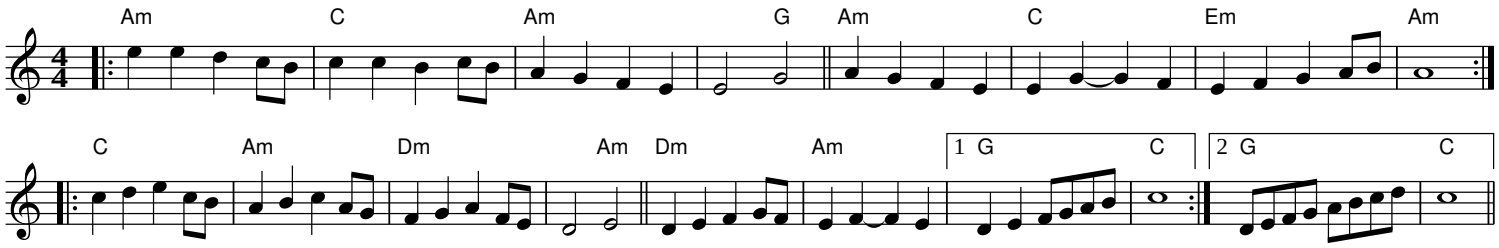

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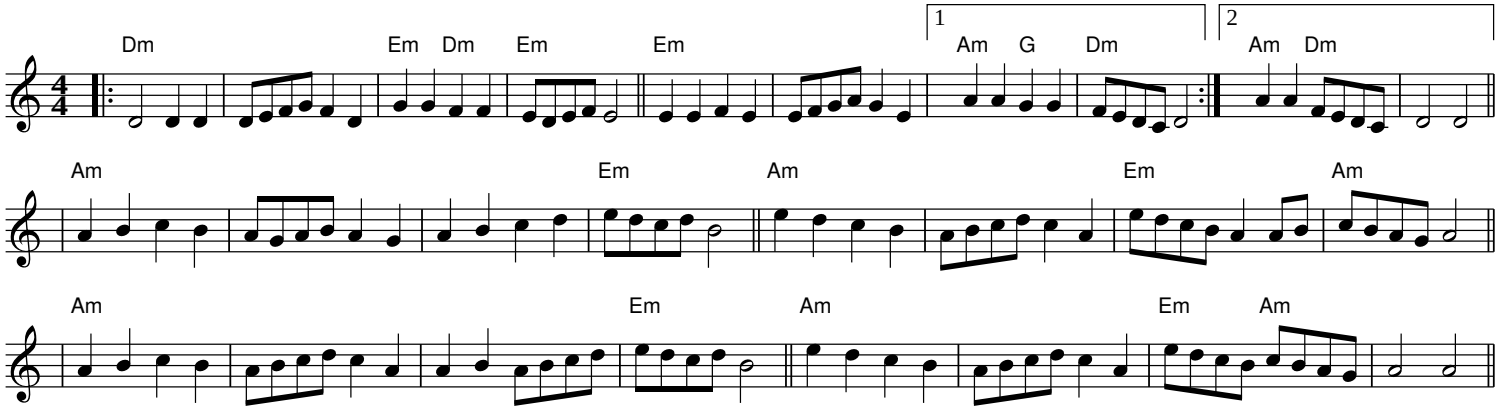

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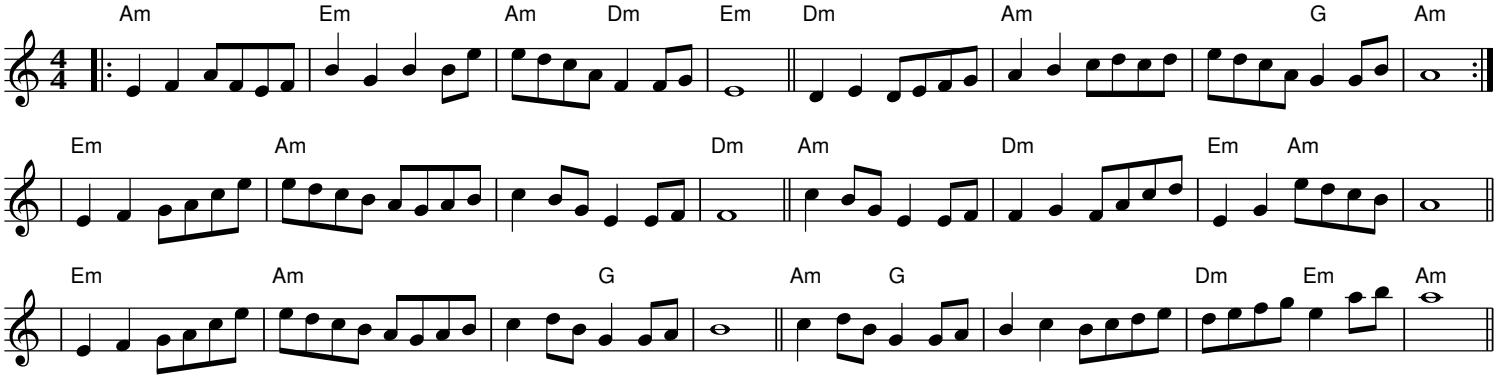

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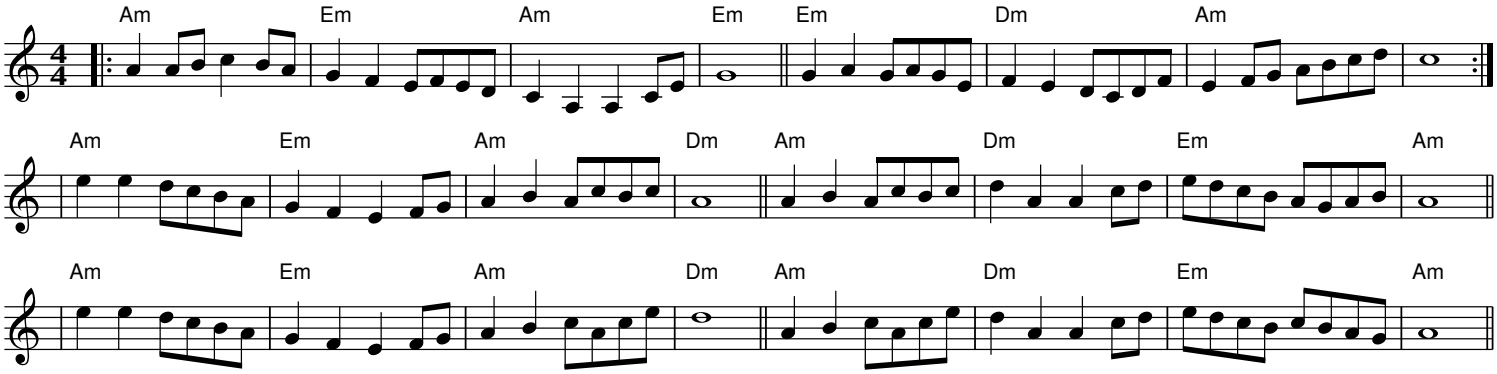

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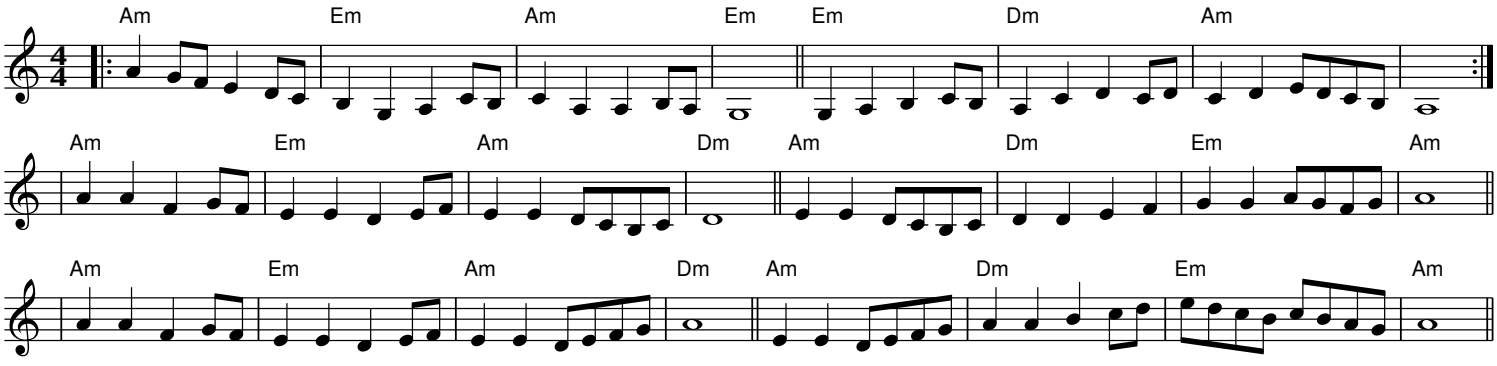

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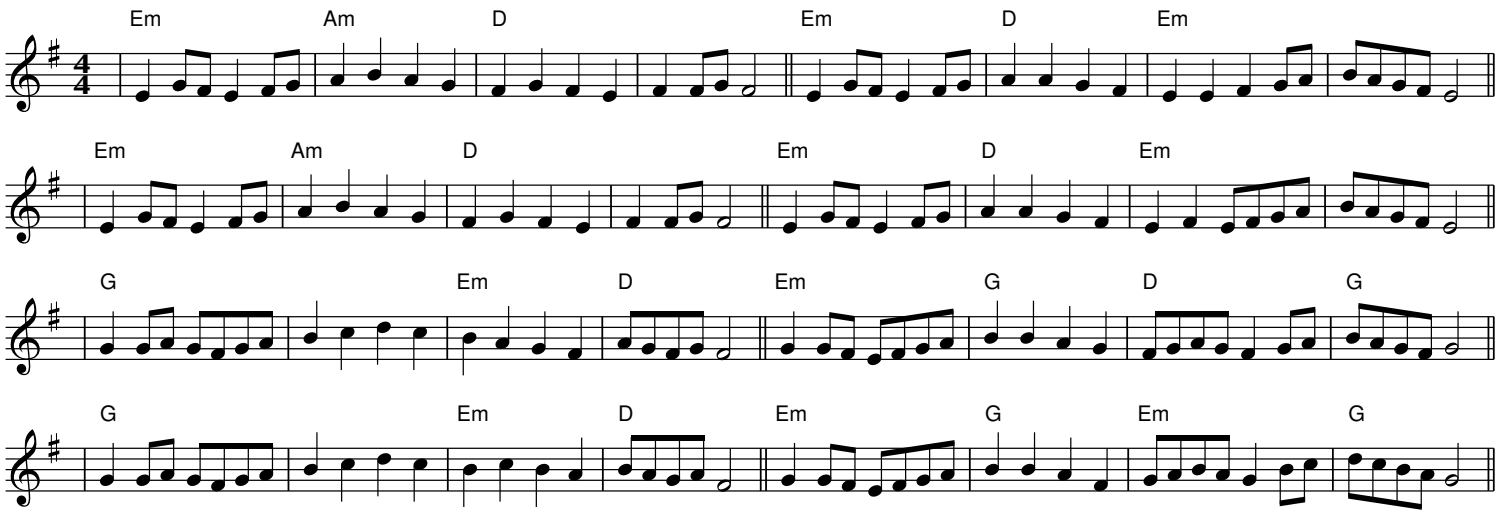

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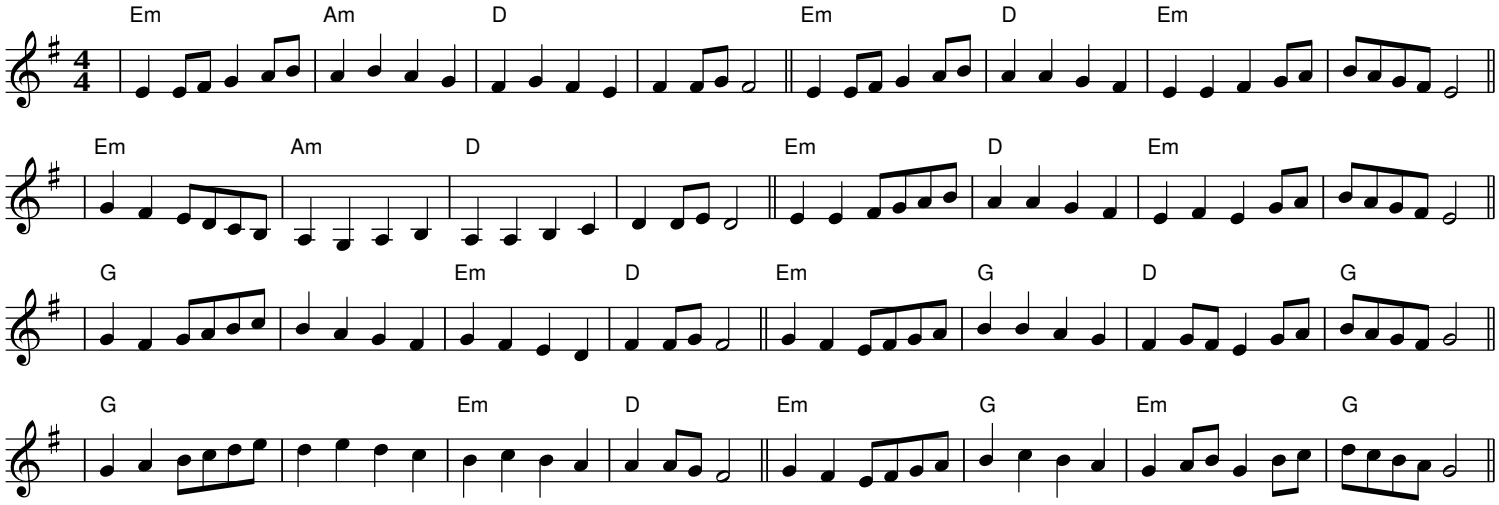

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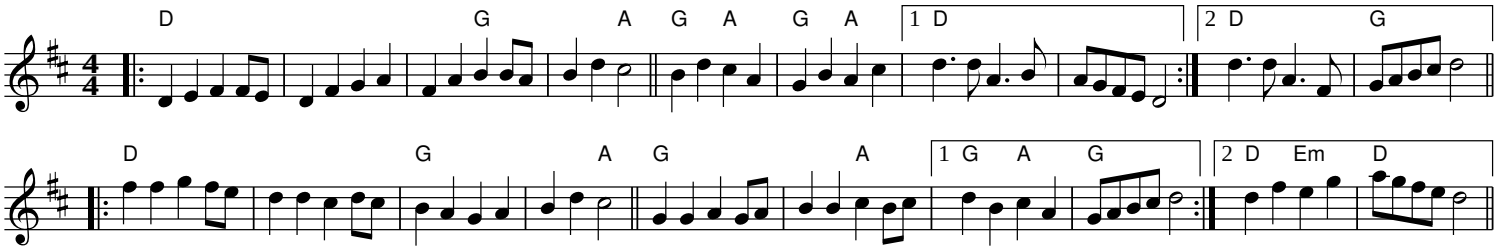

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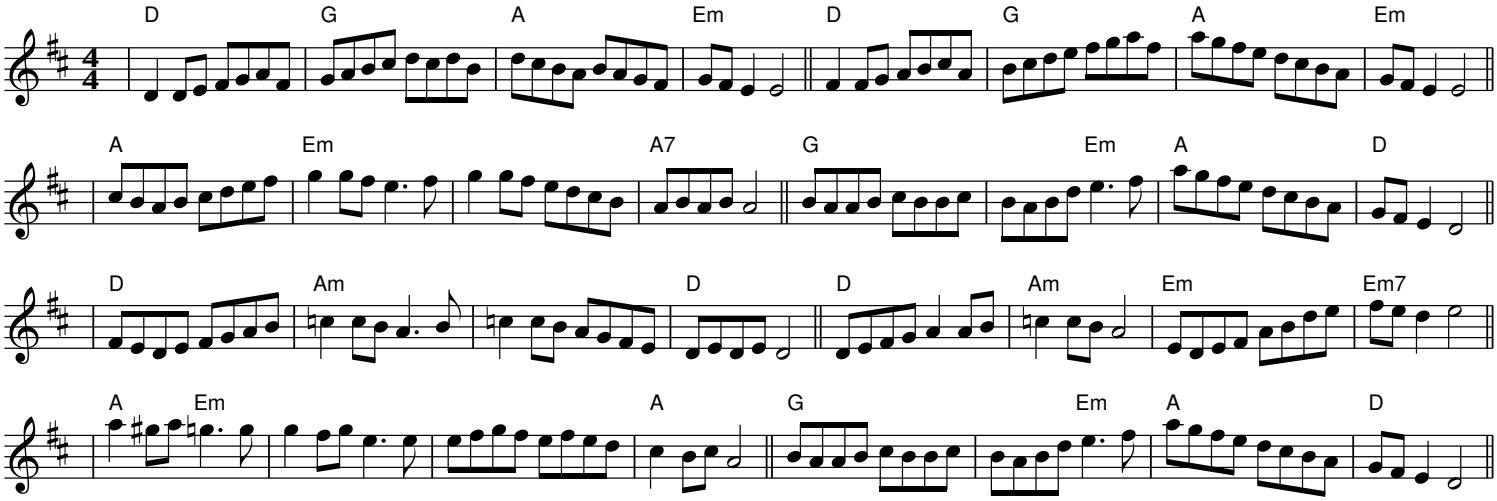

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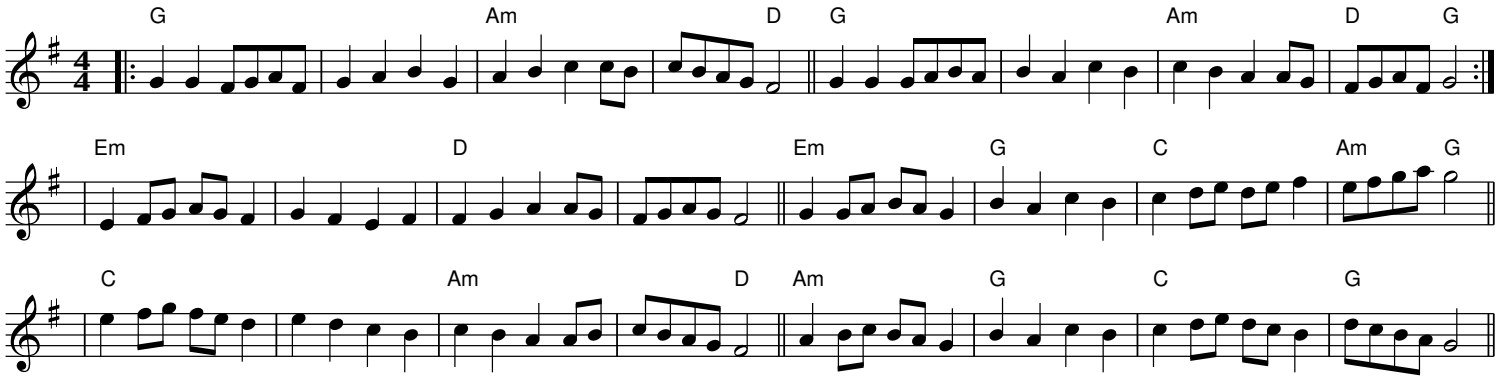

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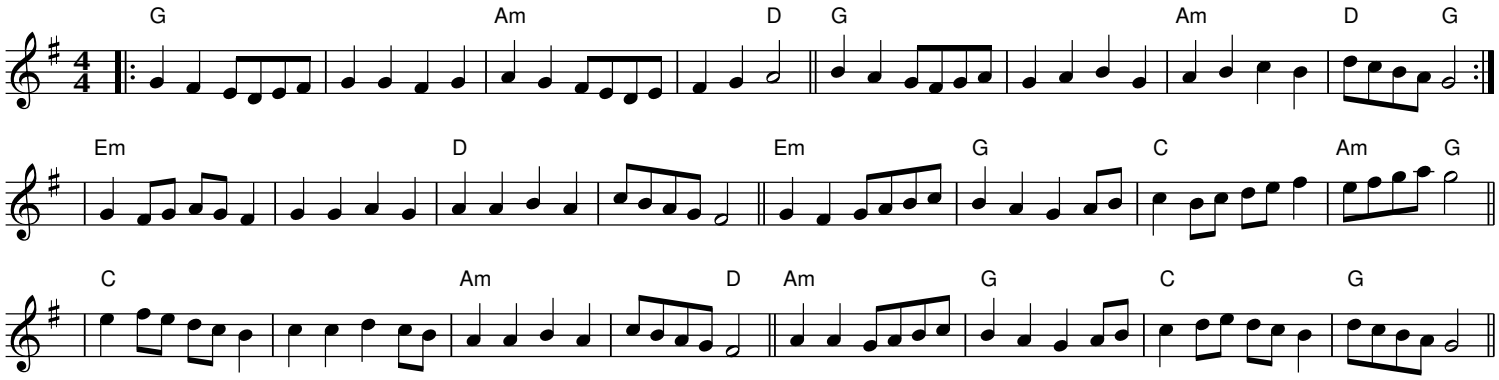

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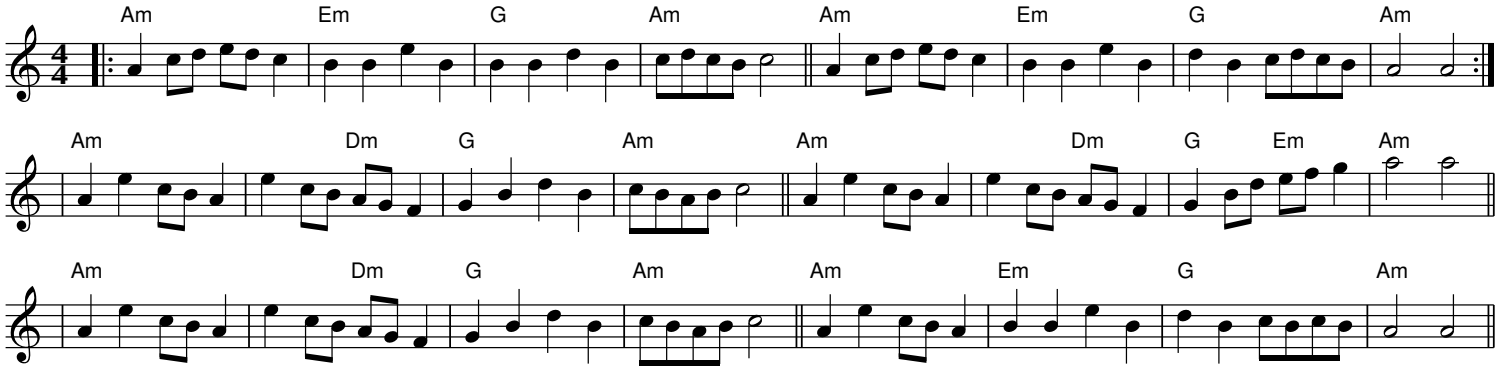

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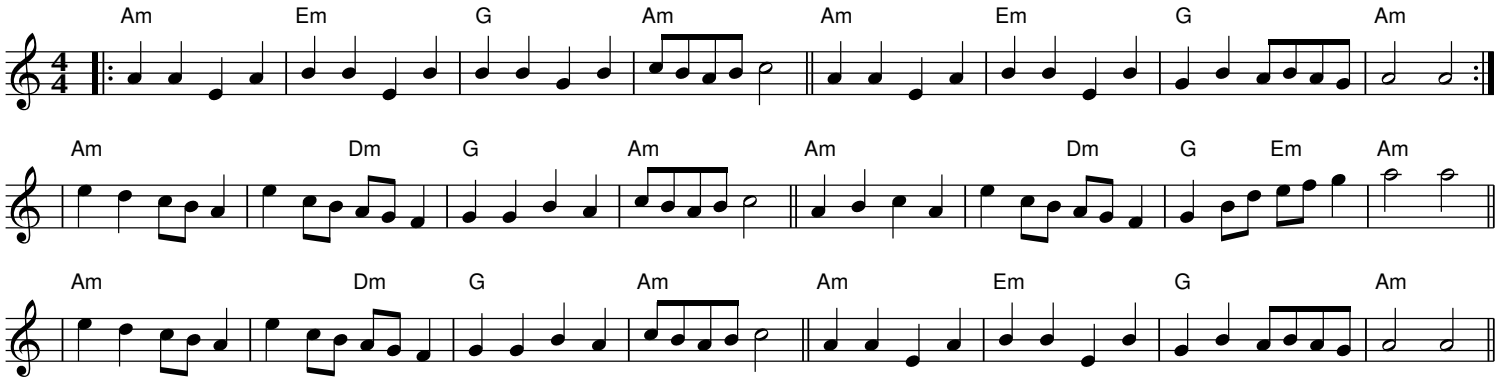

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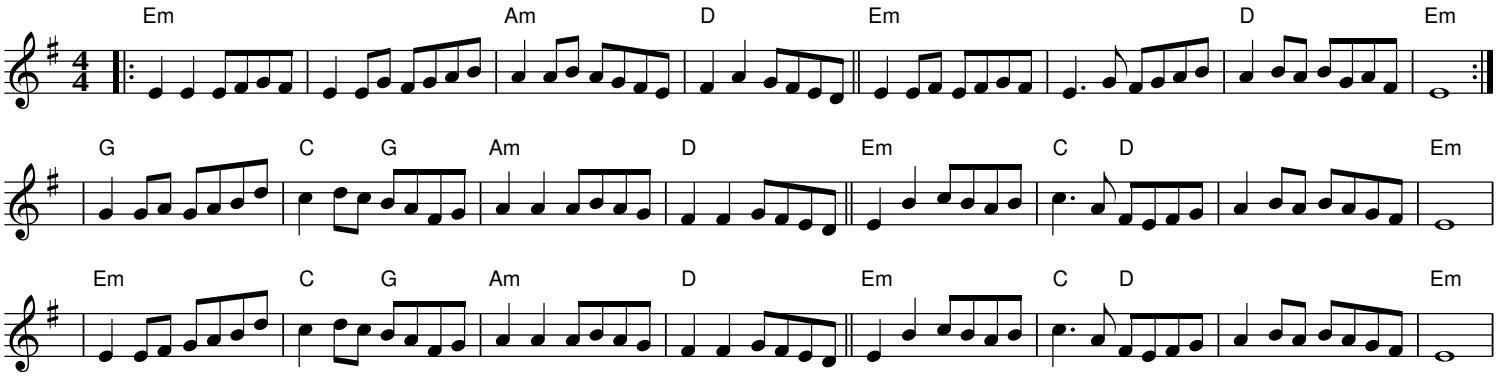

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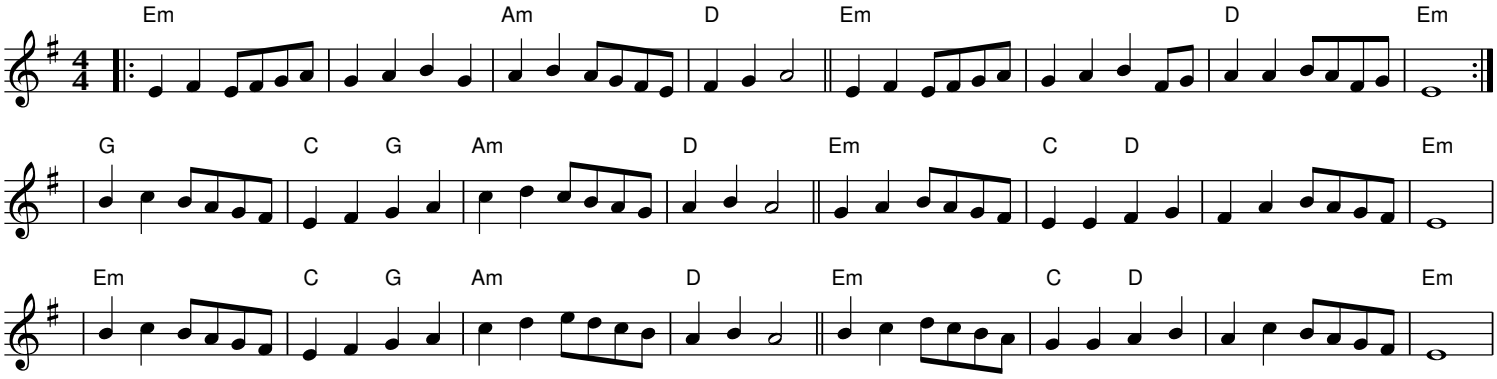

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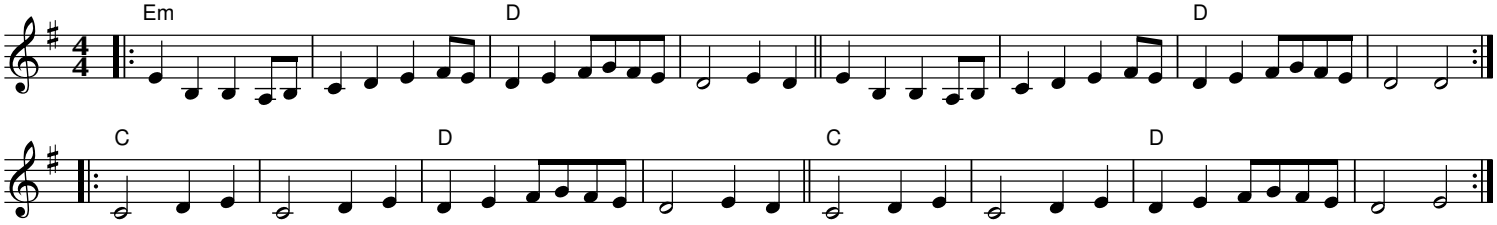

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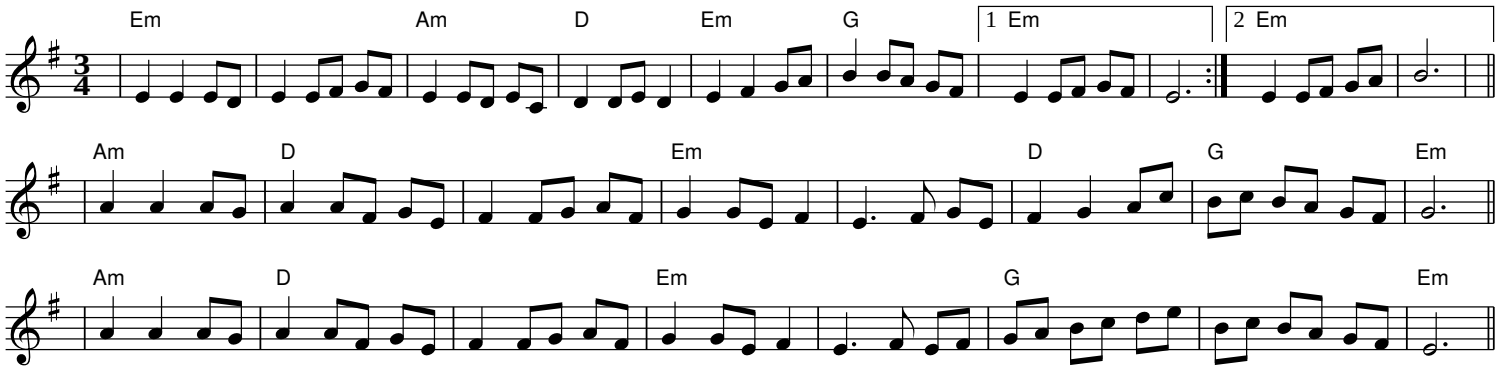

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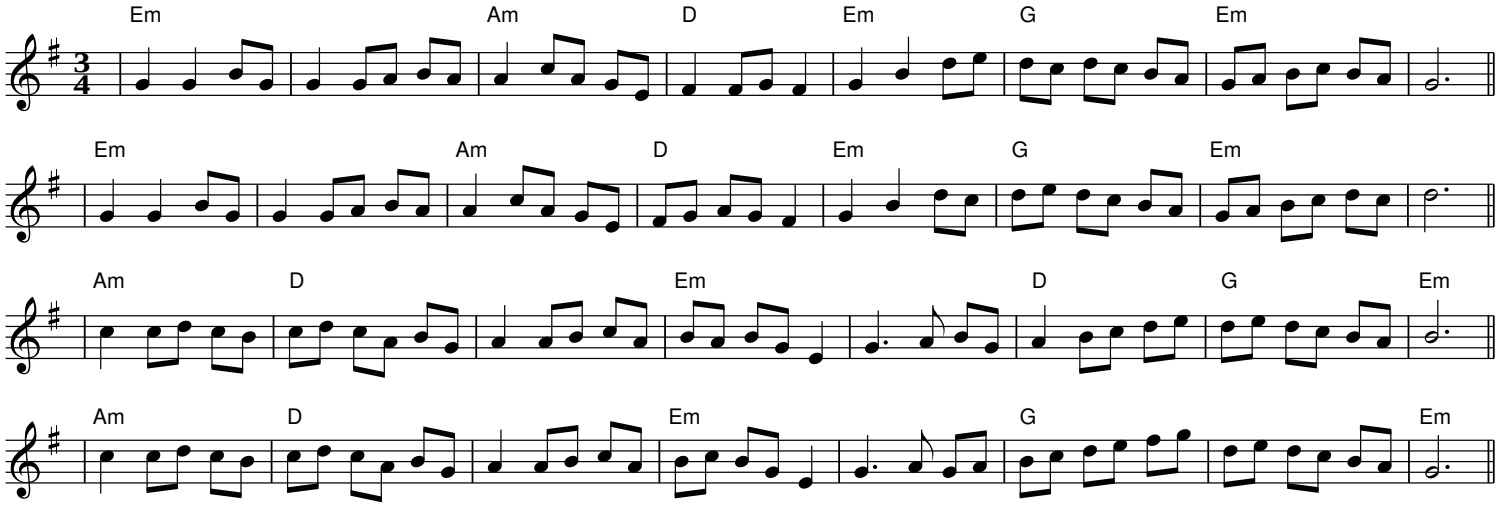

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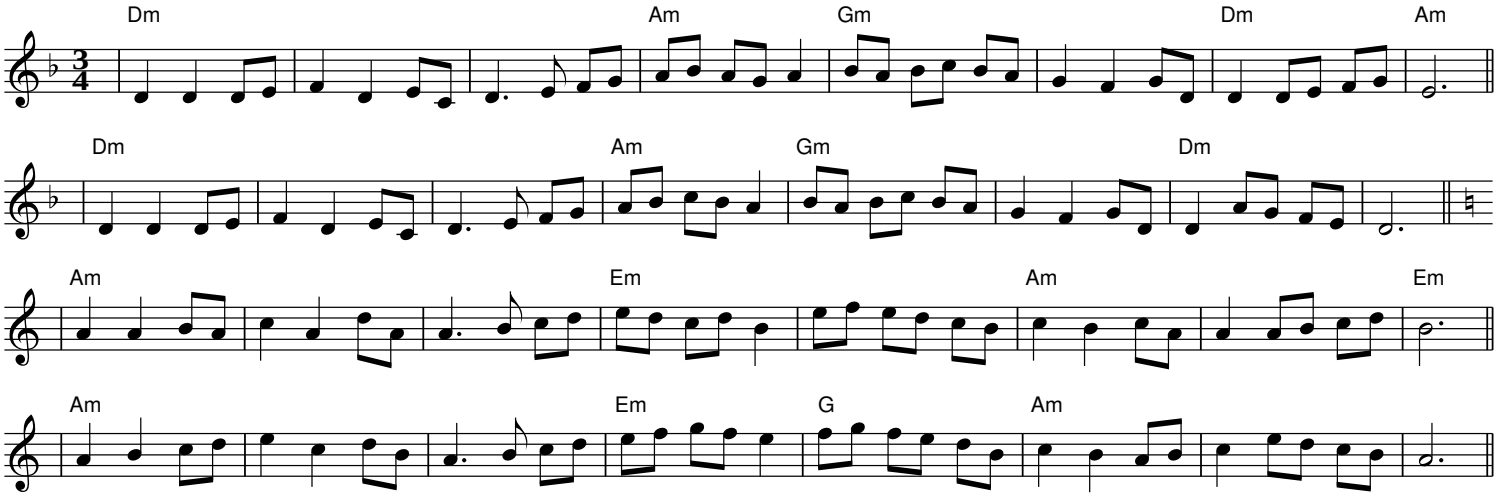

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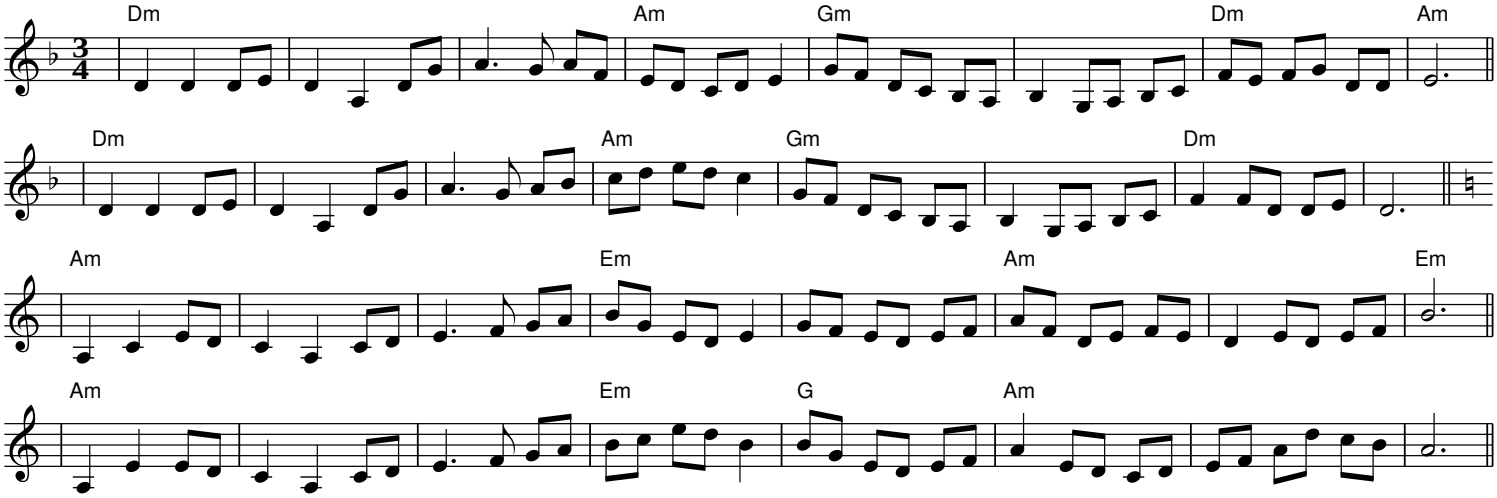

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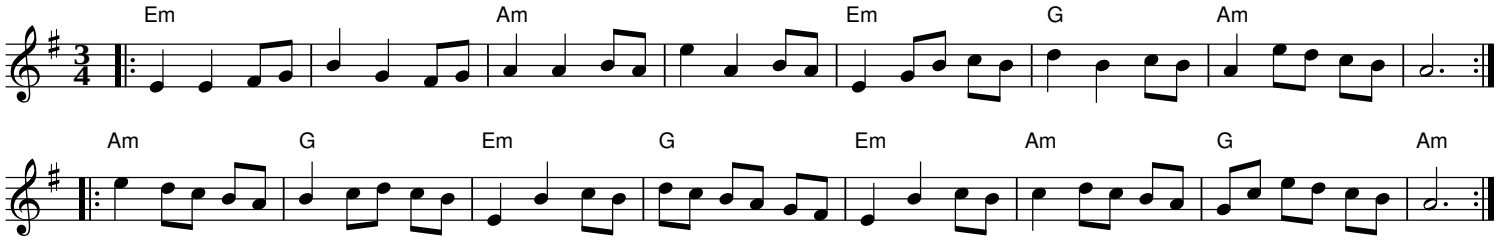

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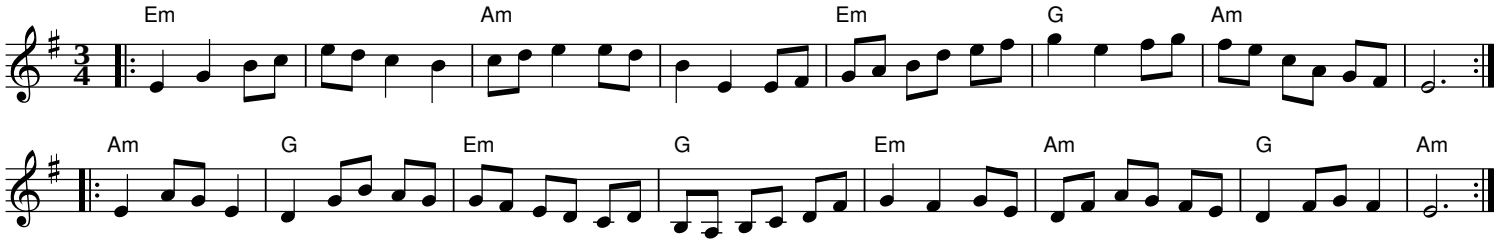

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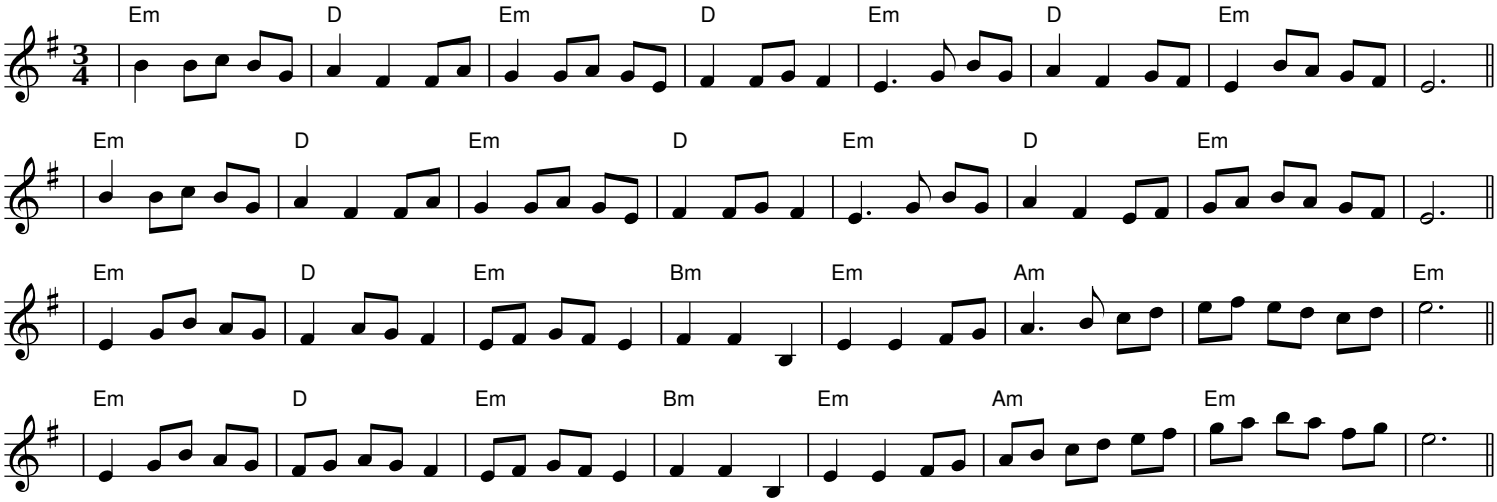

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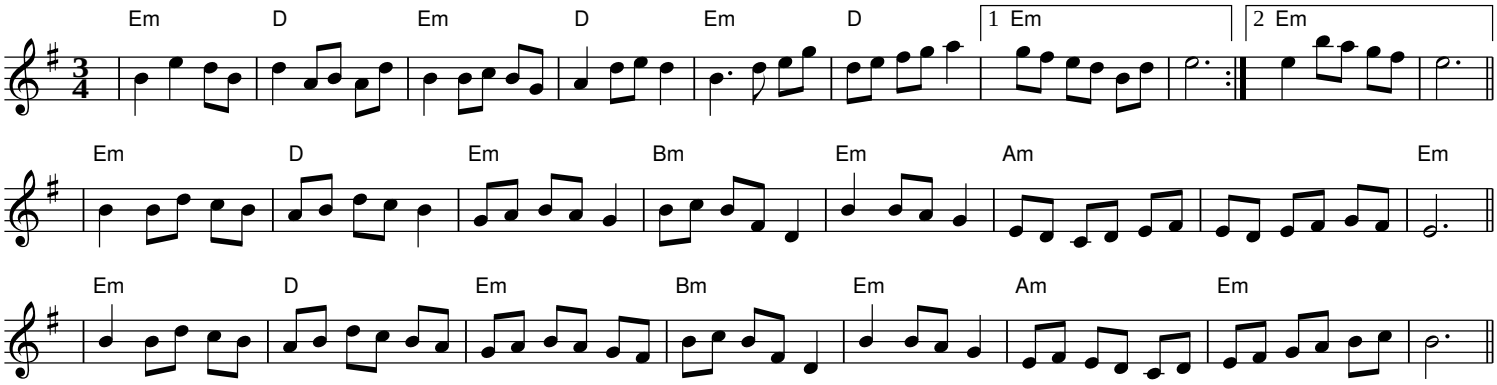

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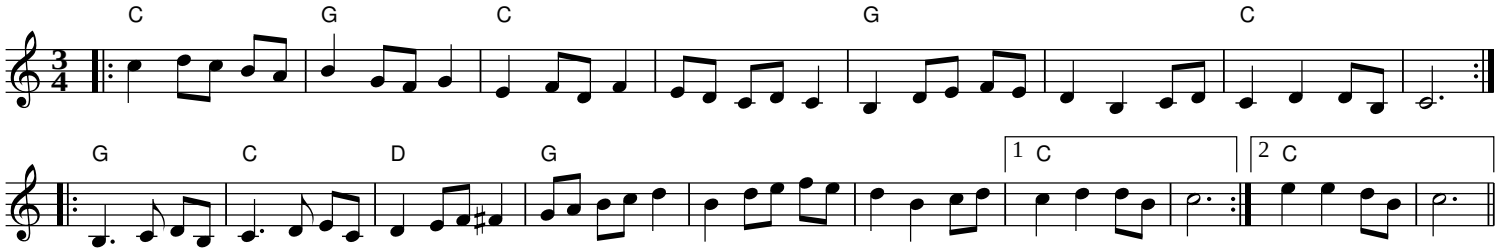

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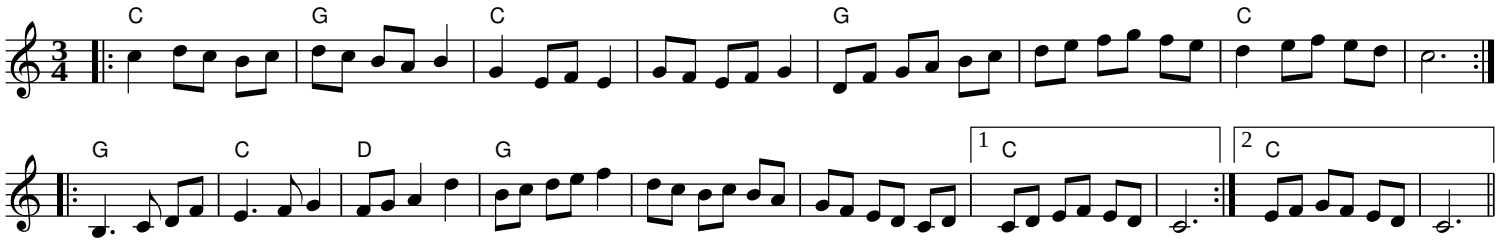

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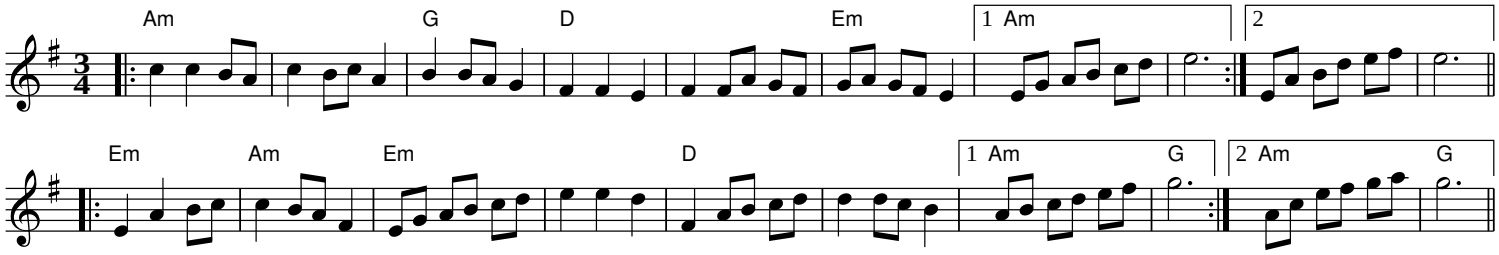

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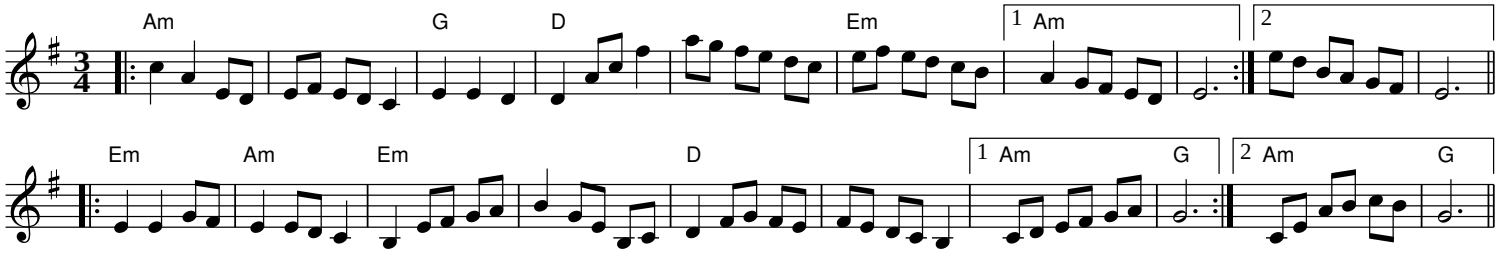

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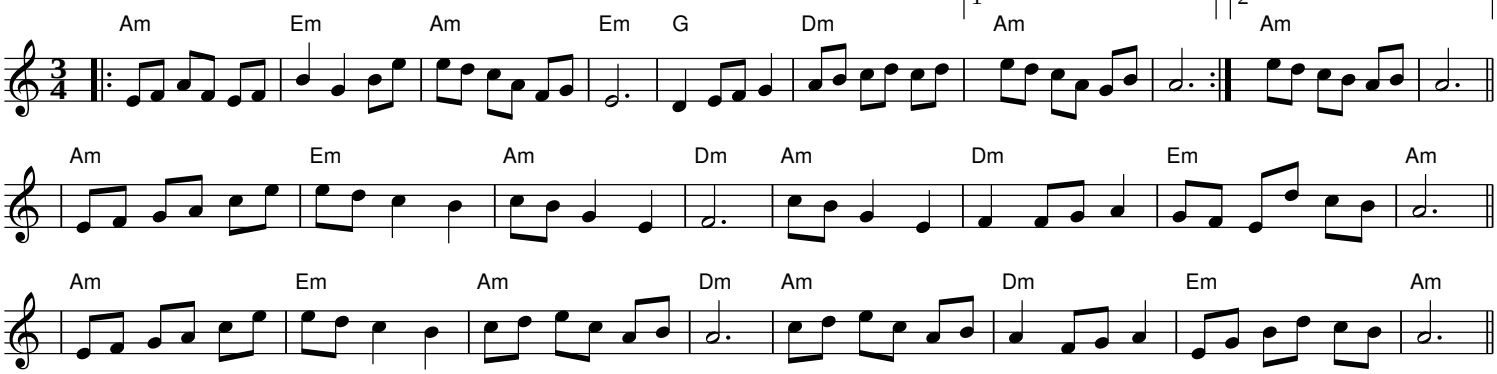

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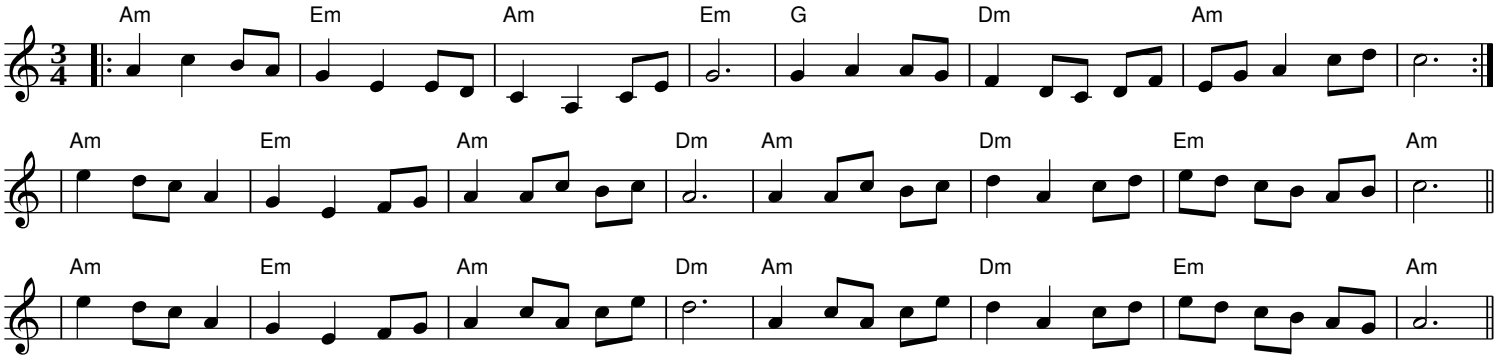

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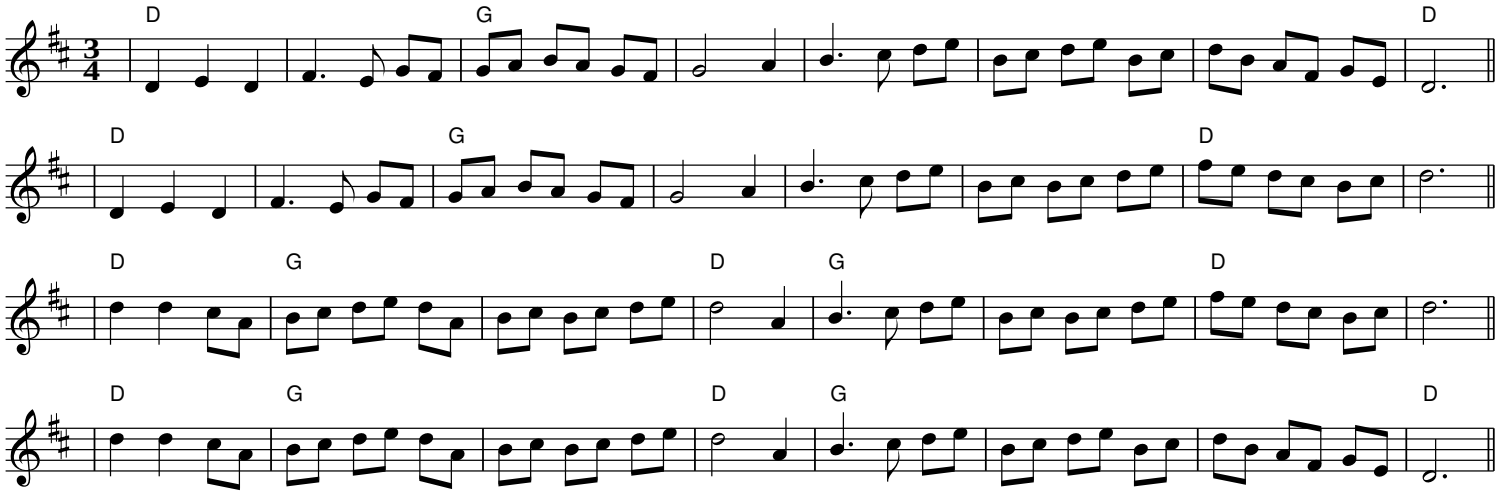

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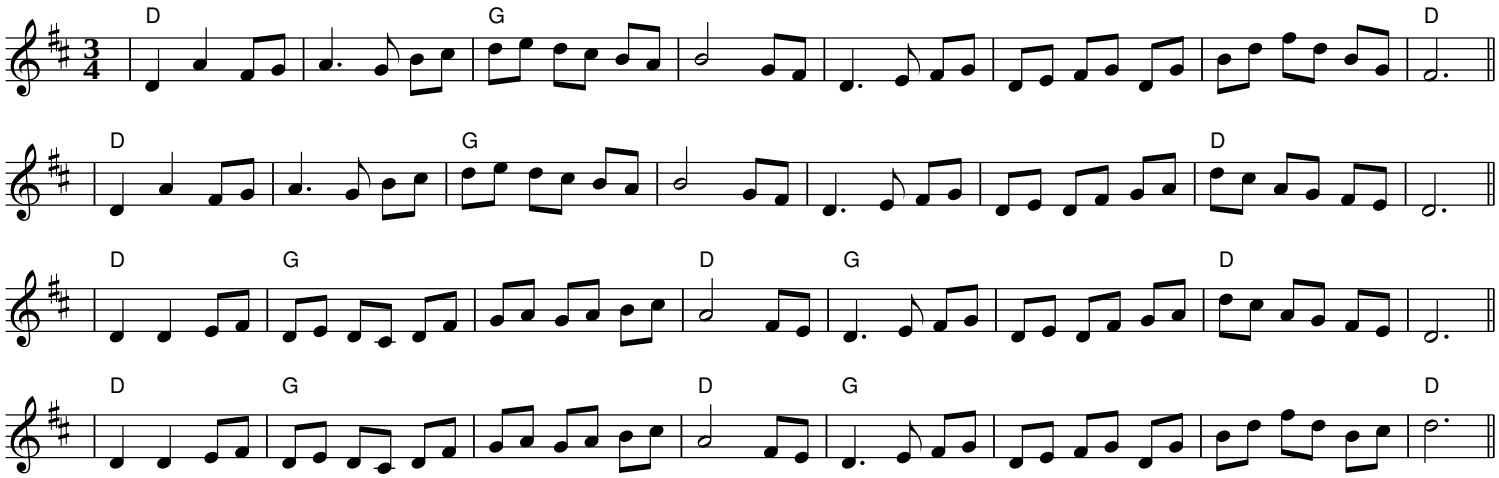

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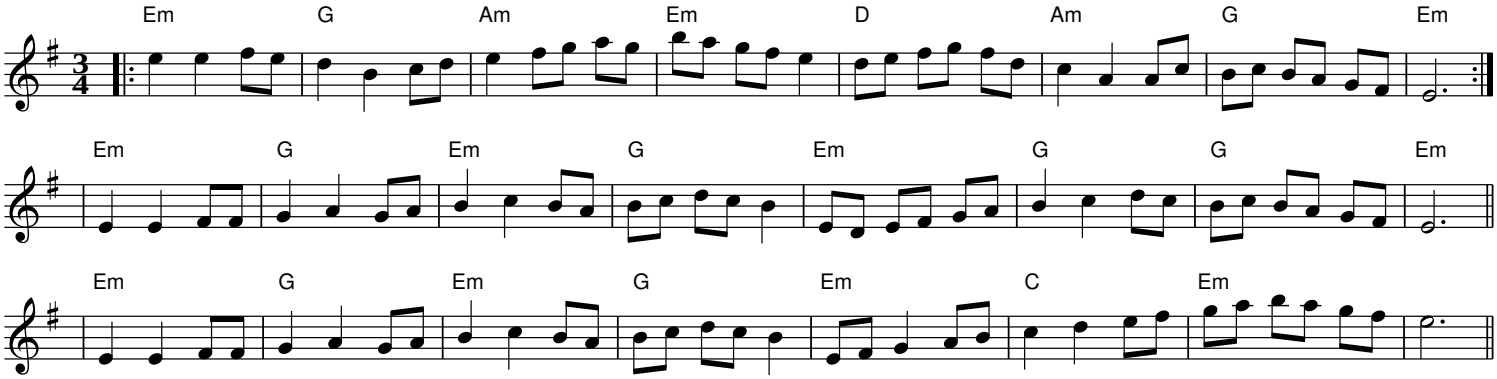

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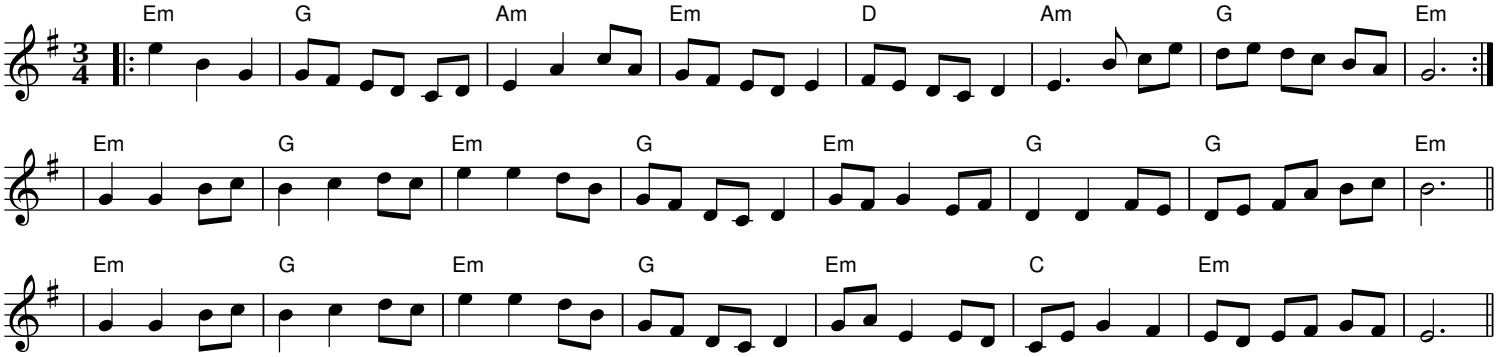

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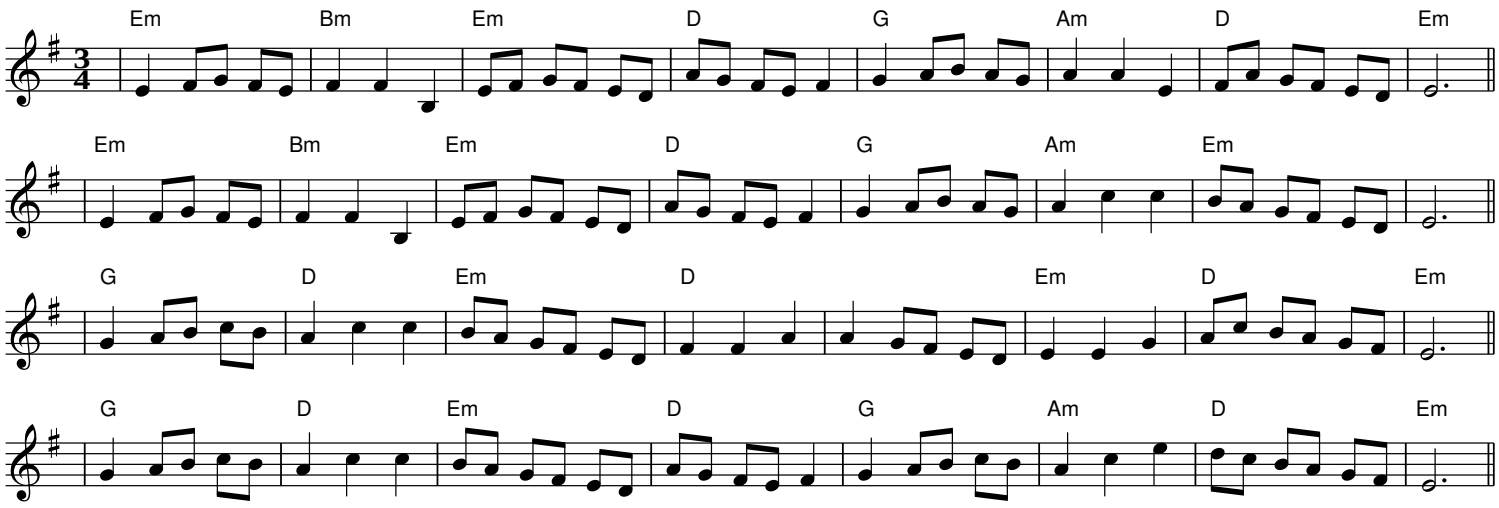

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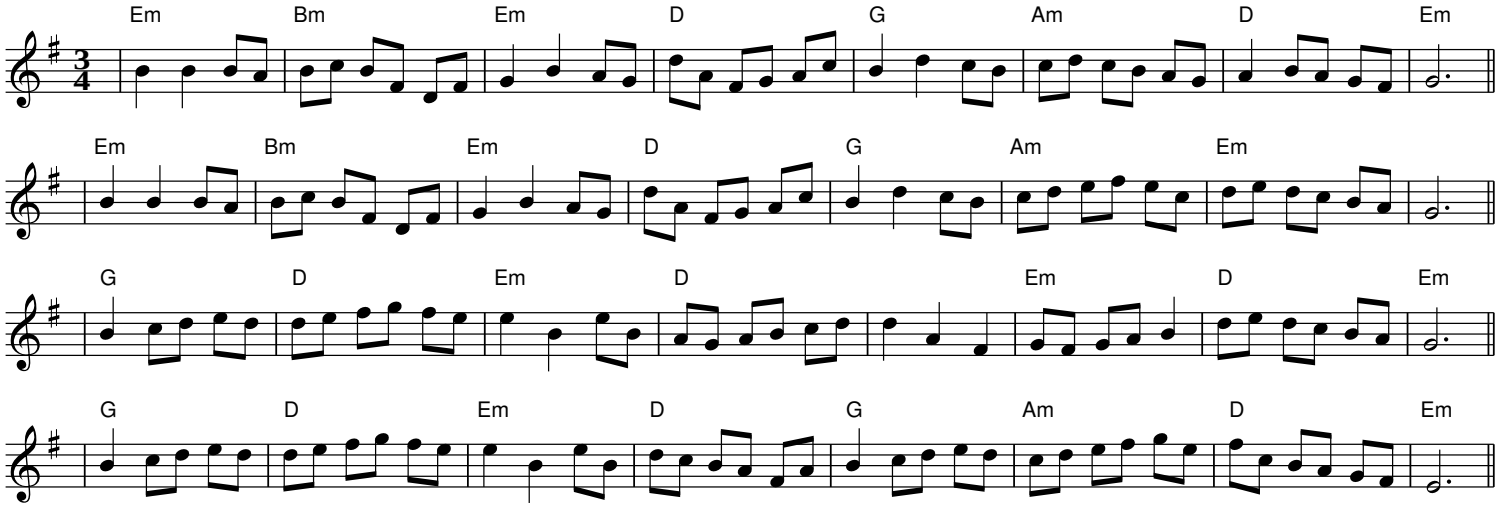

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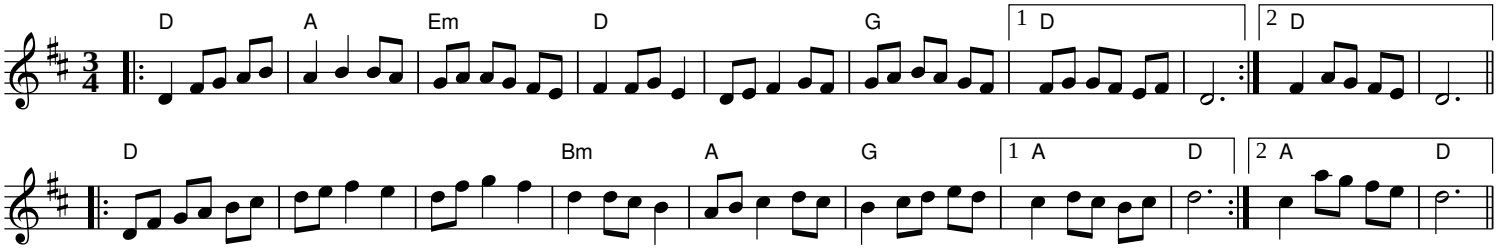

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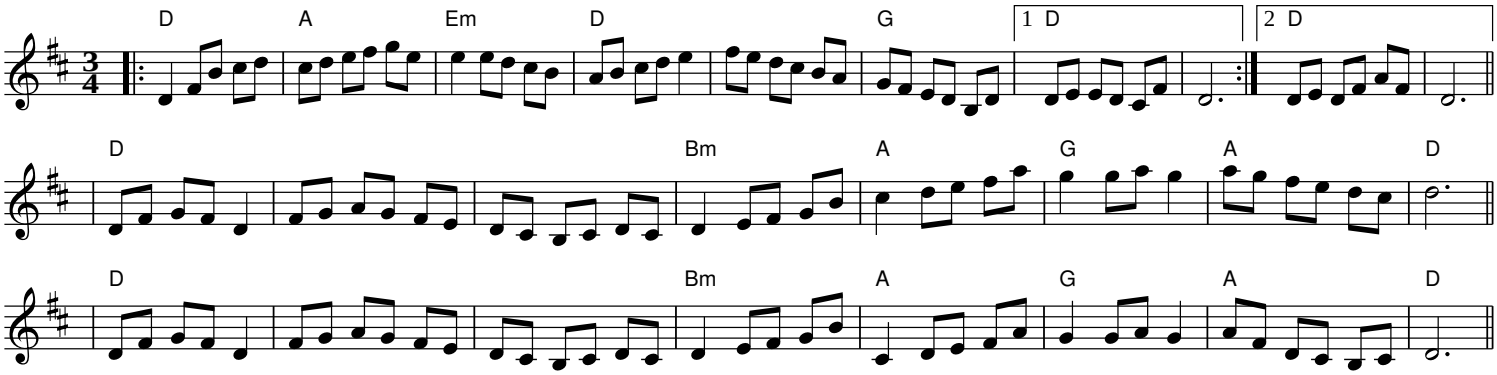

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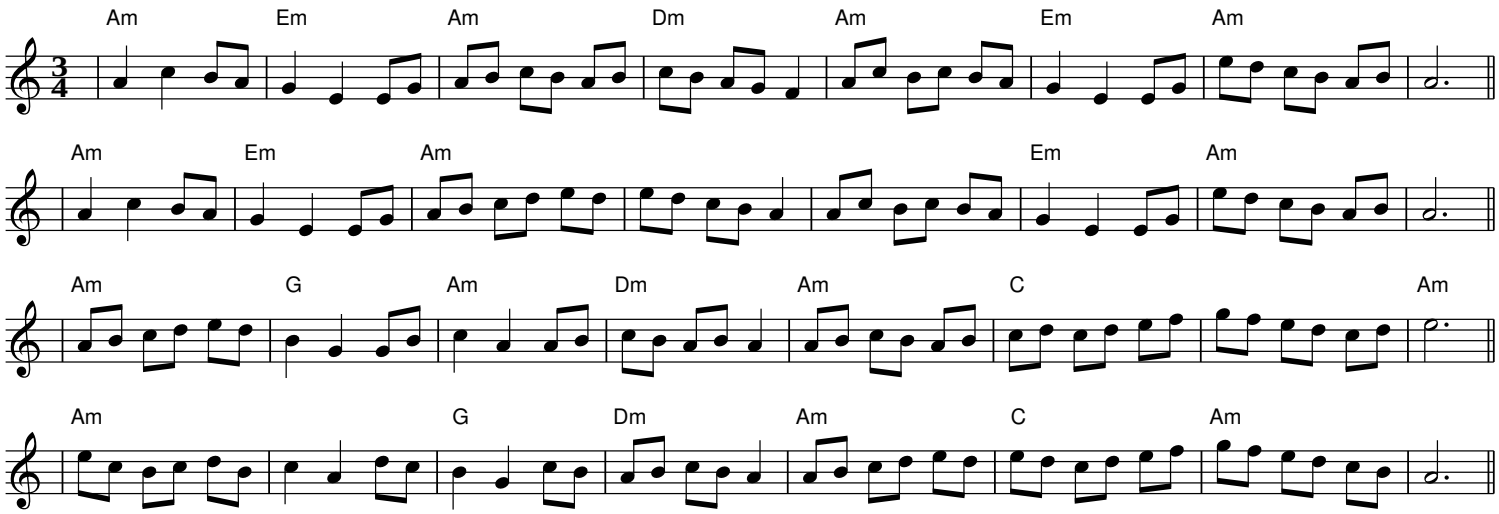

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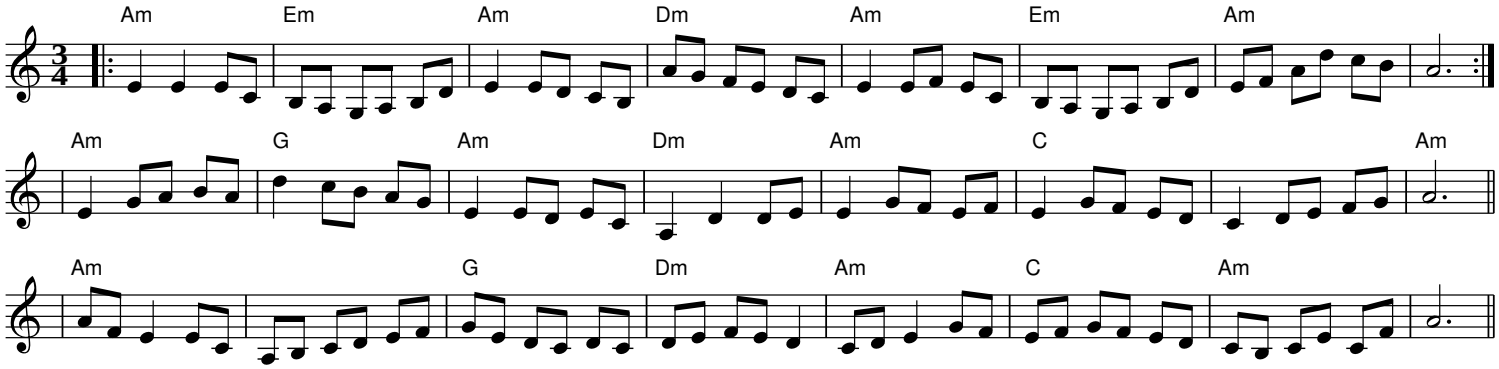

Roadkill Reflow Waltz Em

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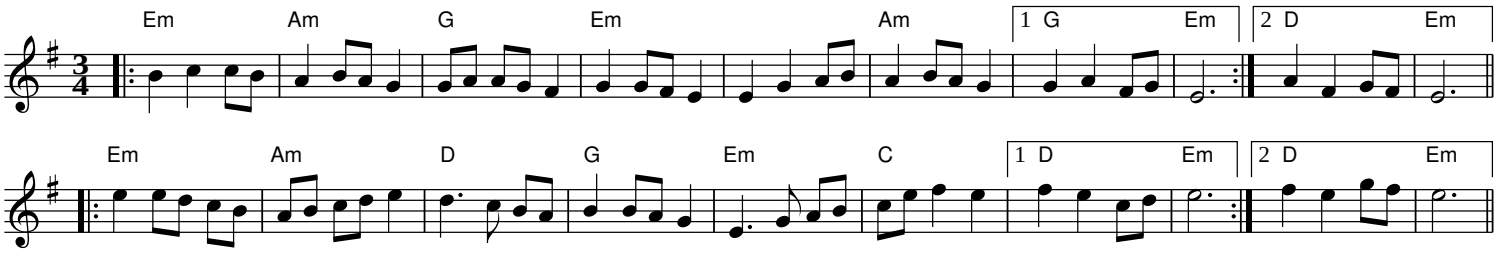

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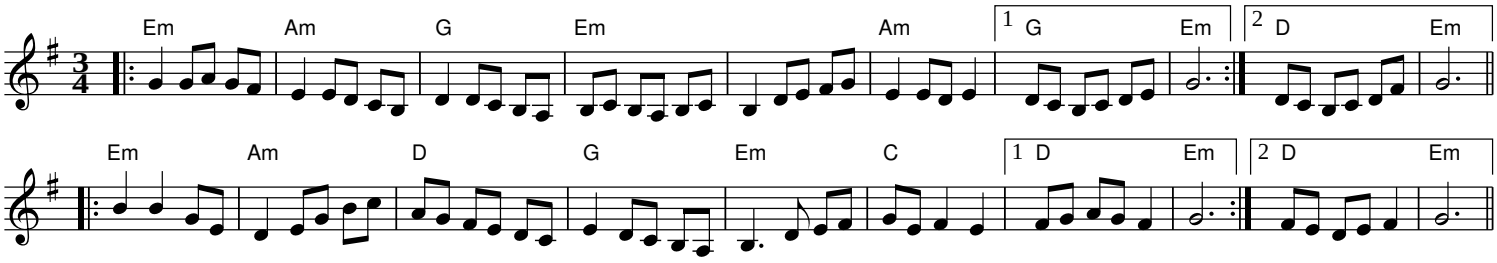

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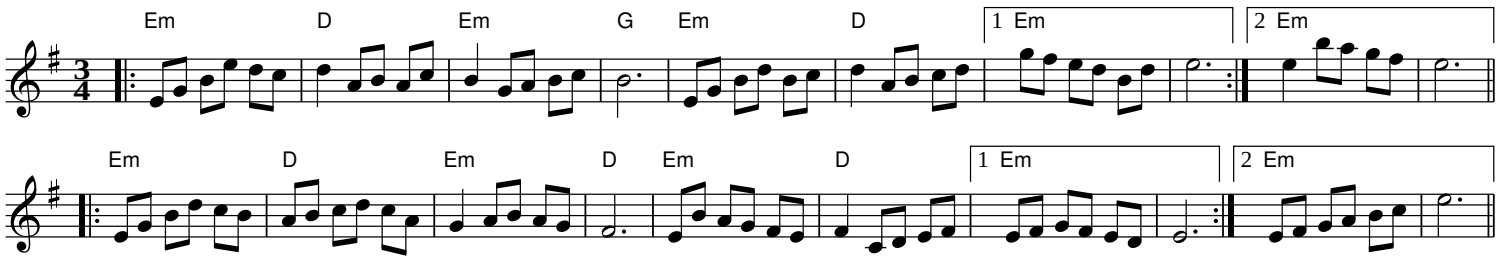

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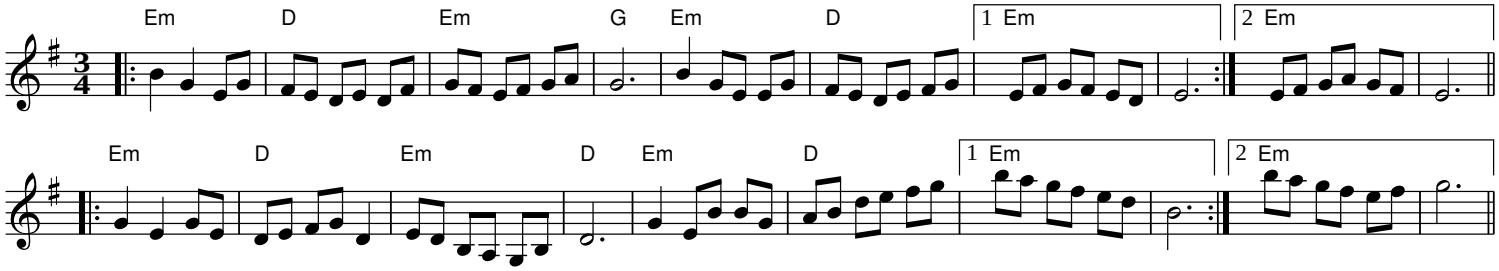

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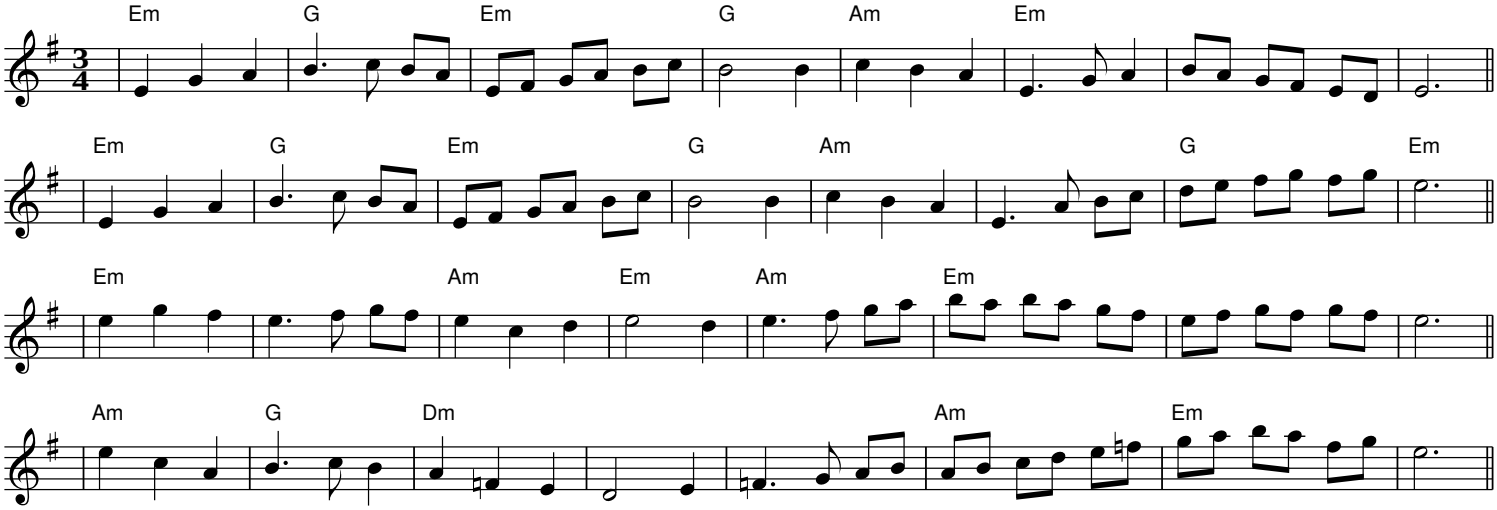

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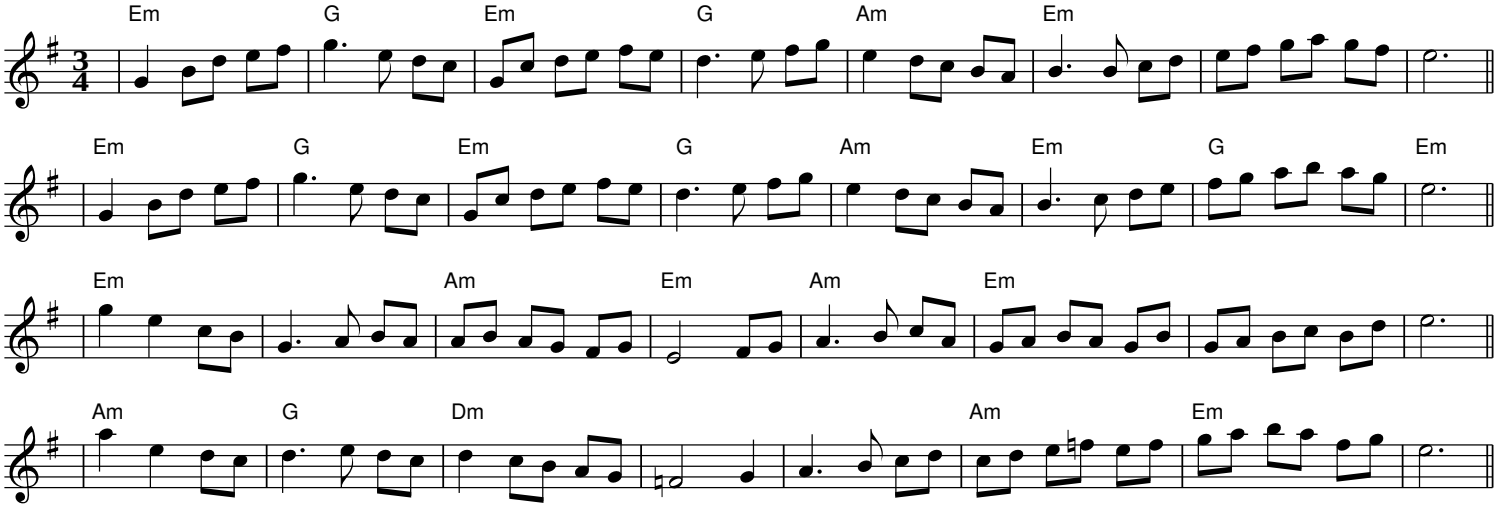

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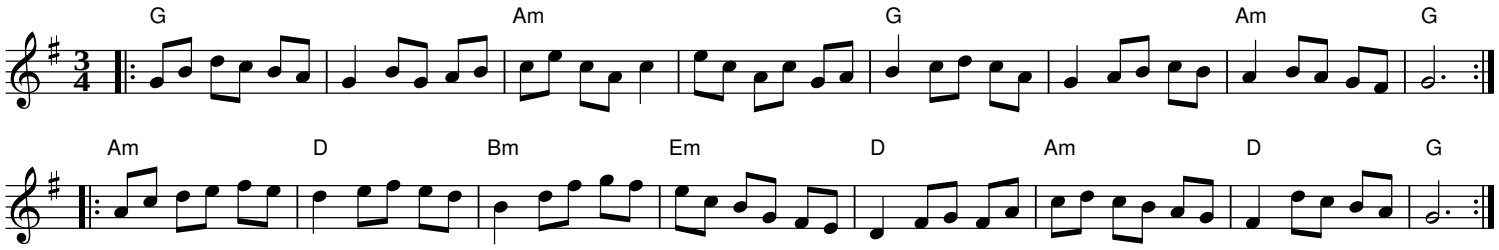

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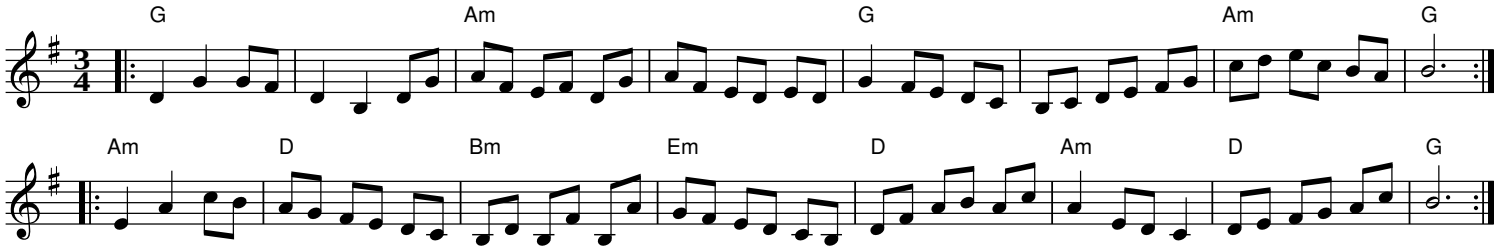

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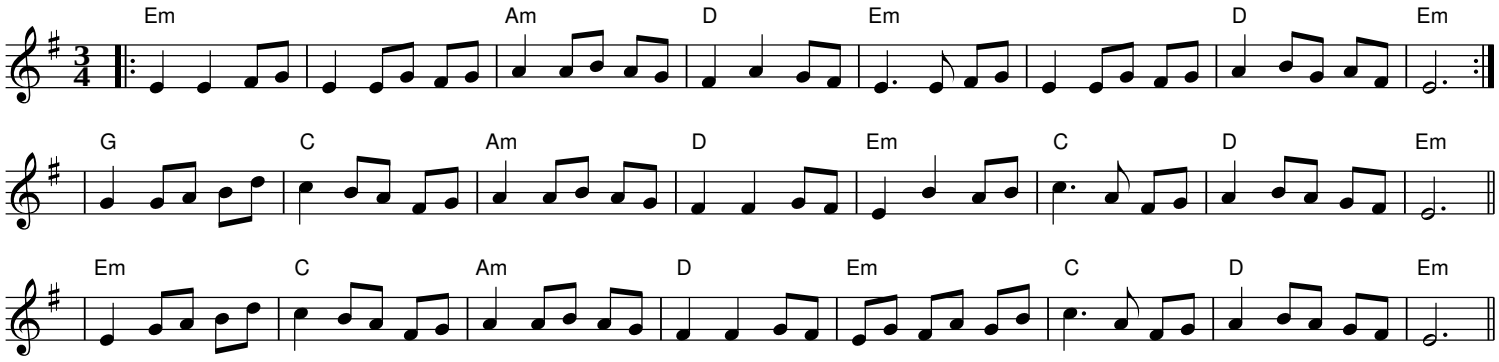

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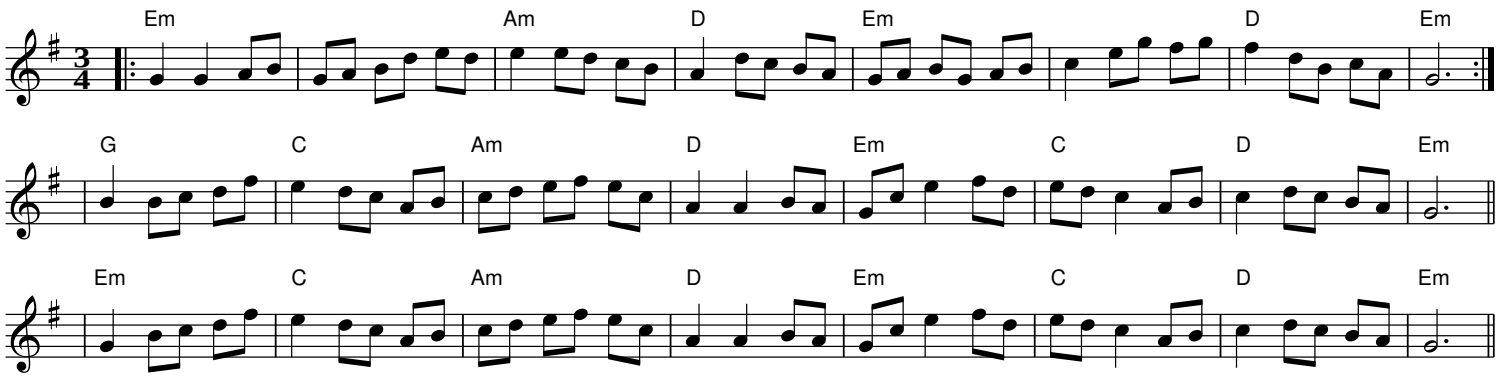

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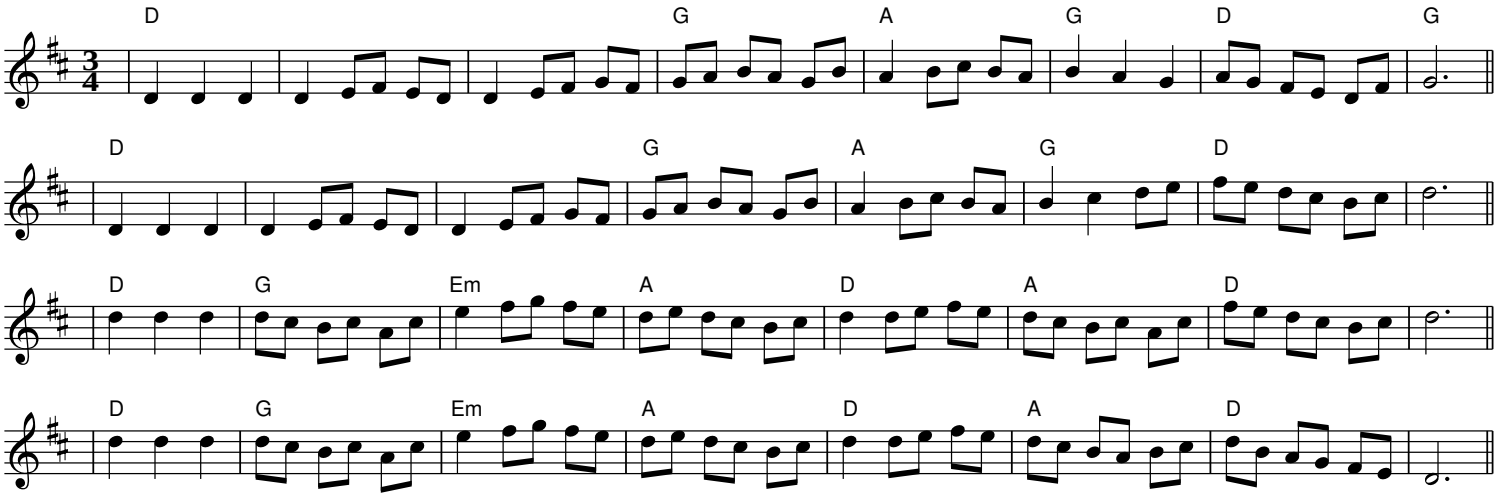

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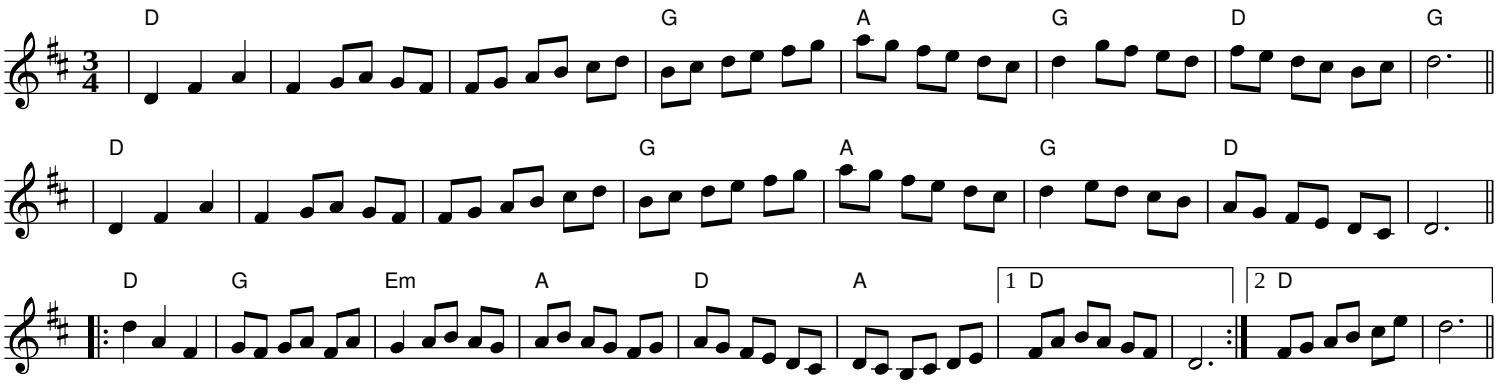

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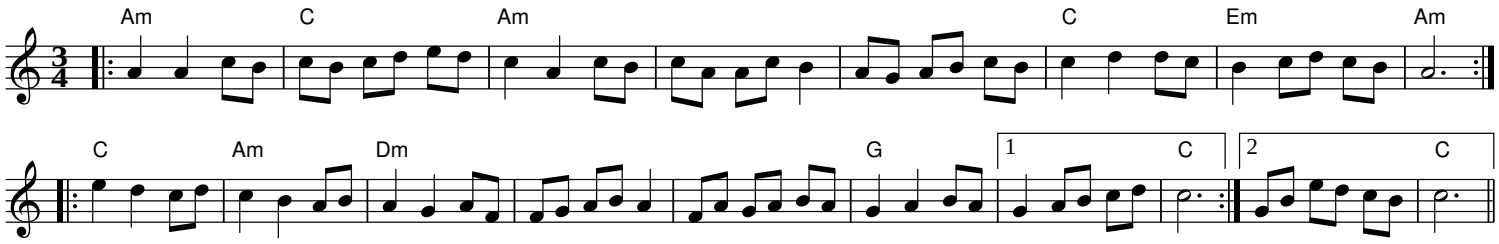

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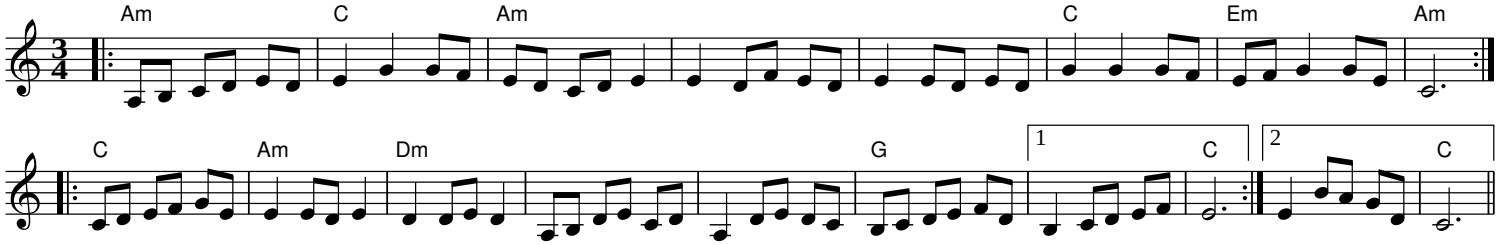

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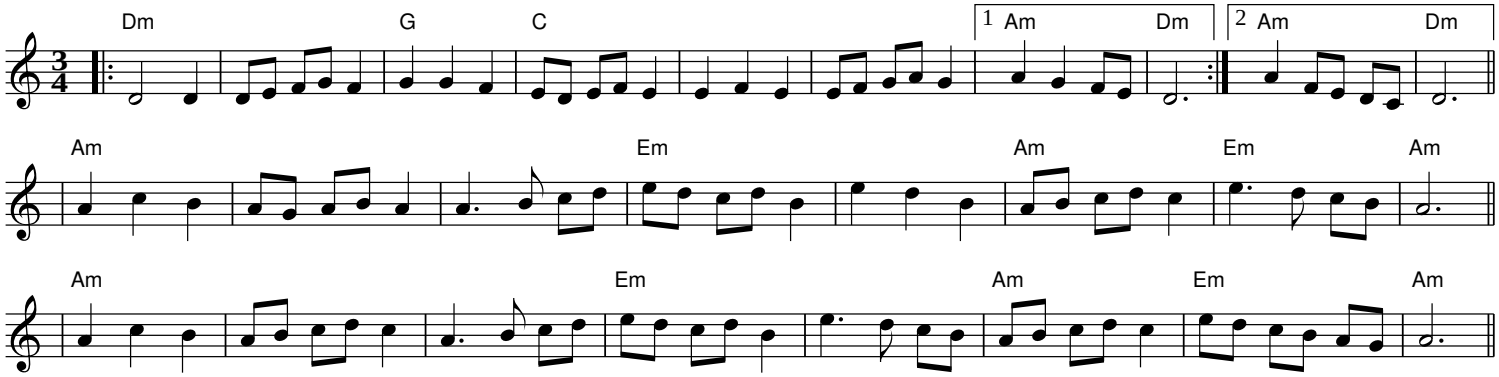

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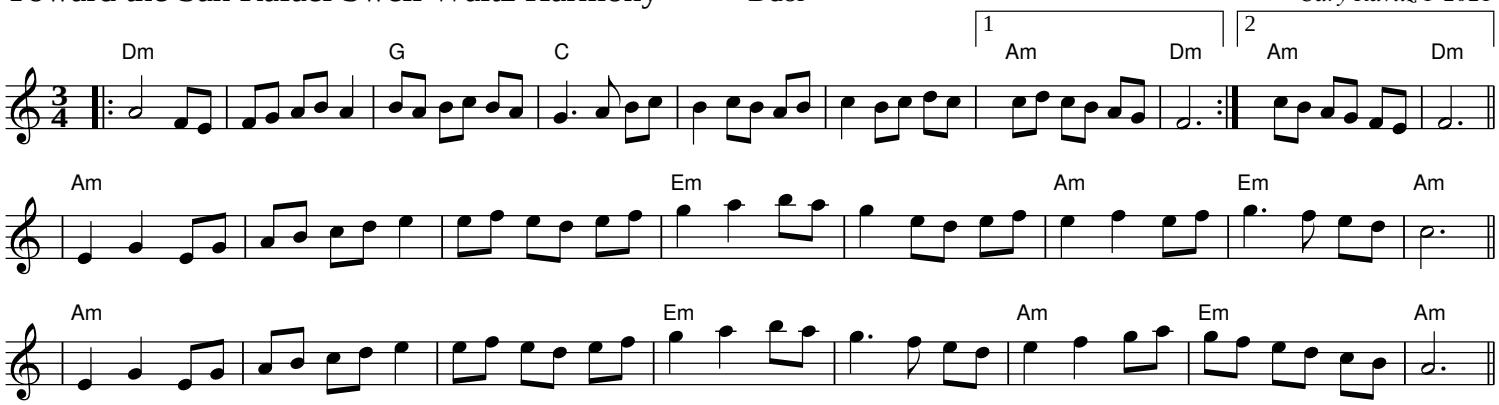

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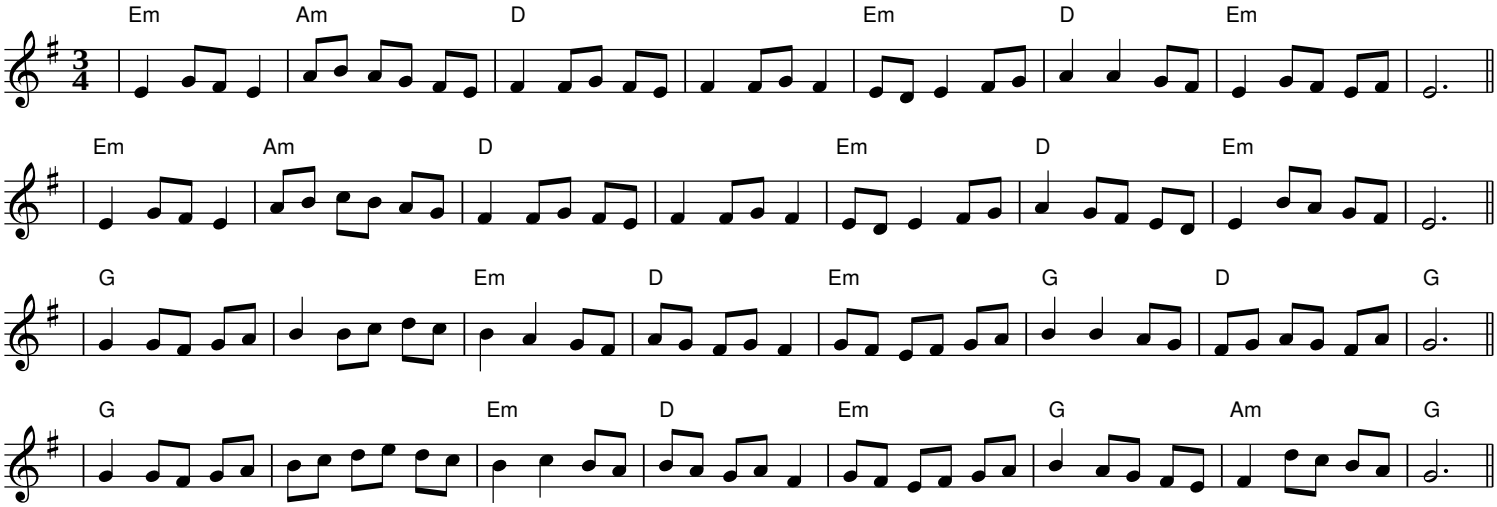

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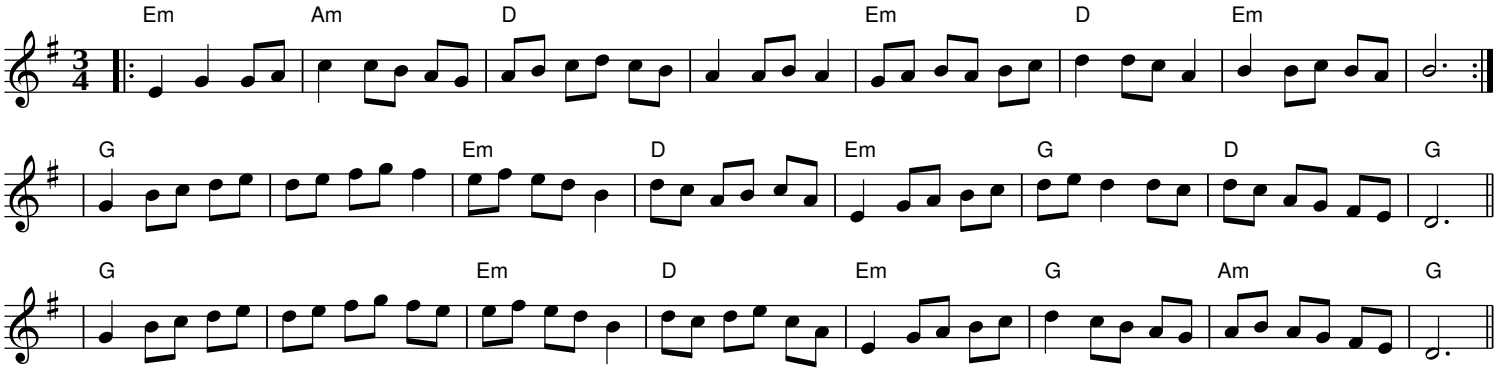

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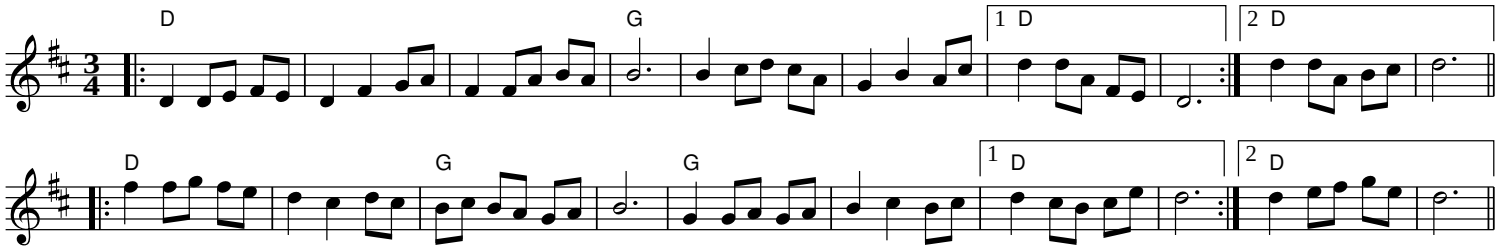

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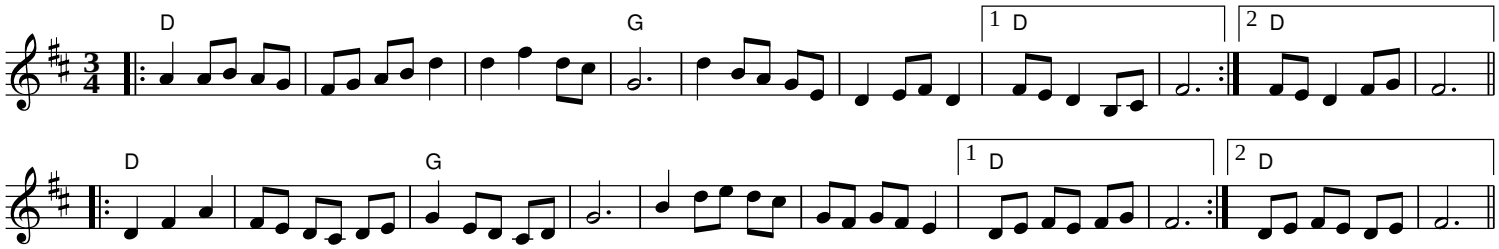

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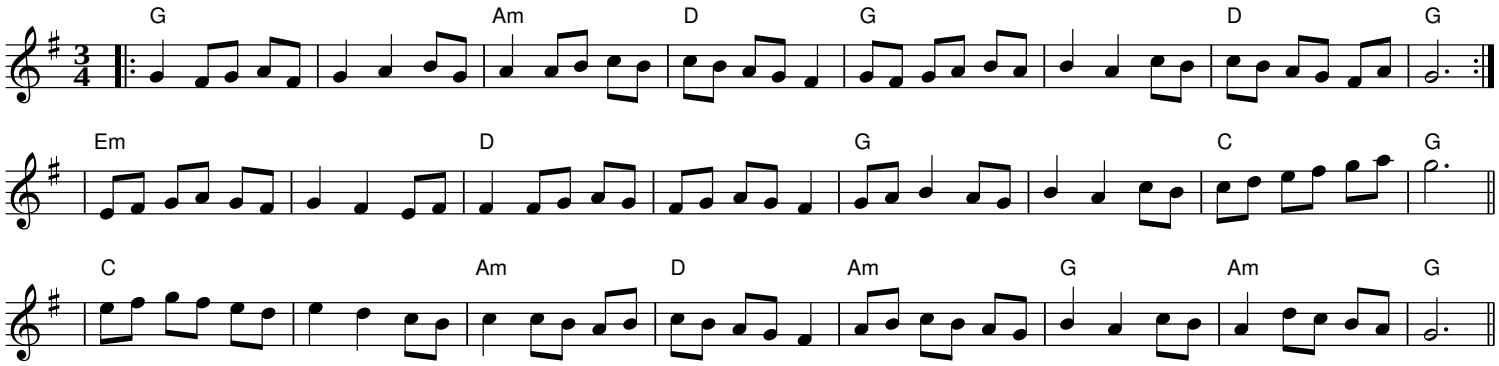

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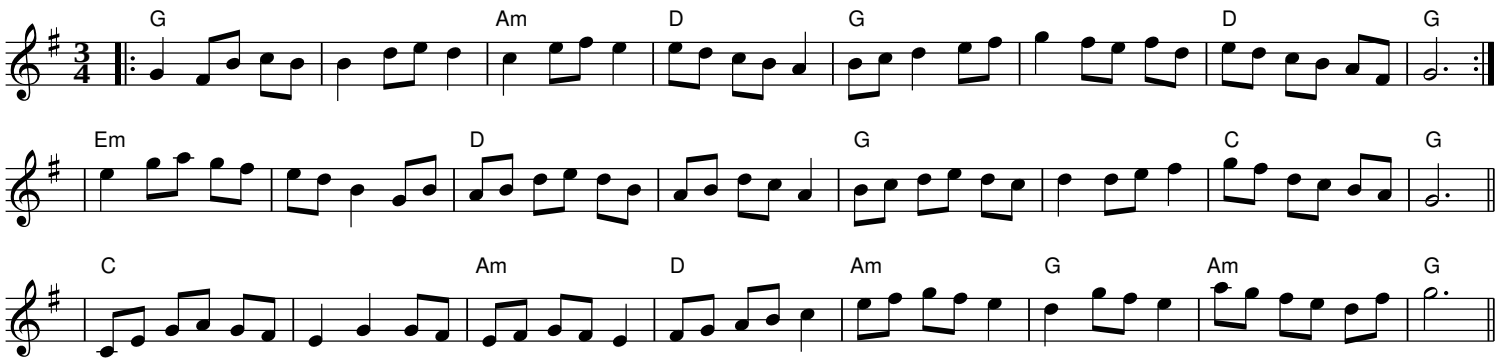
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