The Saint Patrick Battalion

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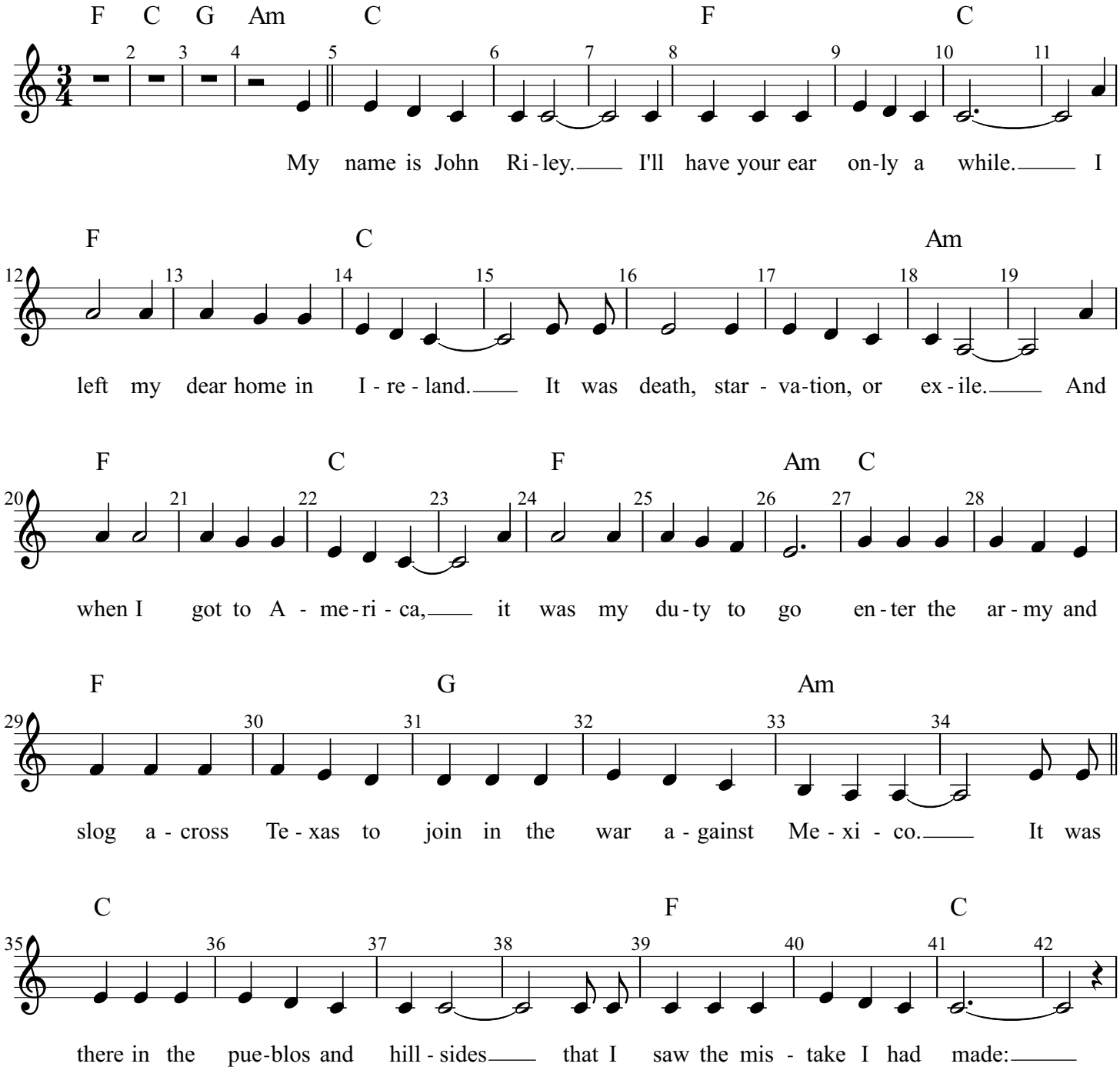

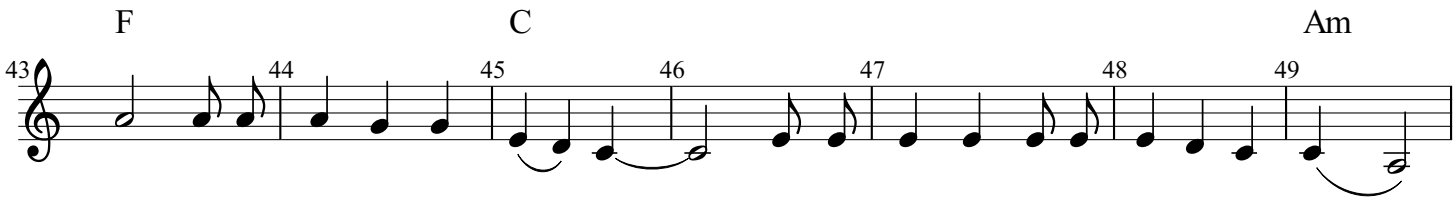
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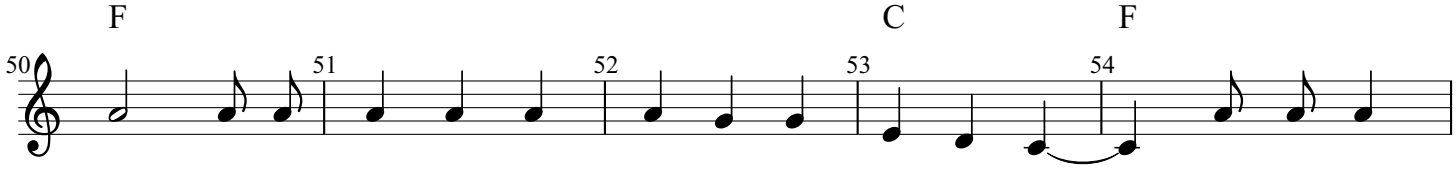
part of a con-que-ring ar- my with the mo-rals of a ba-yo-net blade;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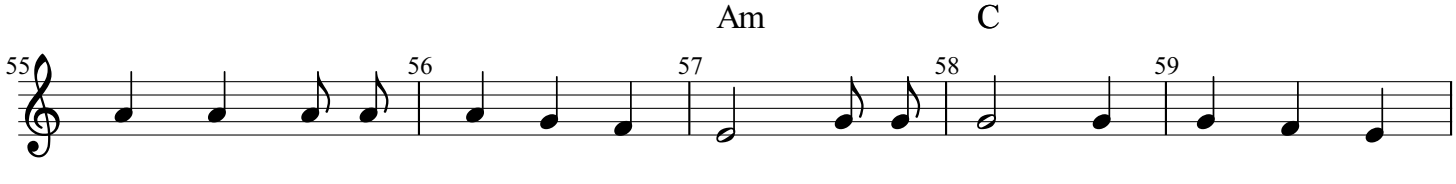
so, in the midst of these poor, dy-ing Ca-tho-lics, scream ing child-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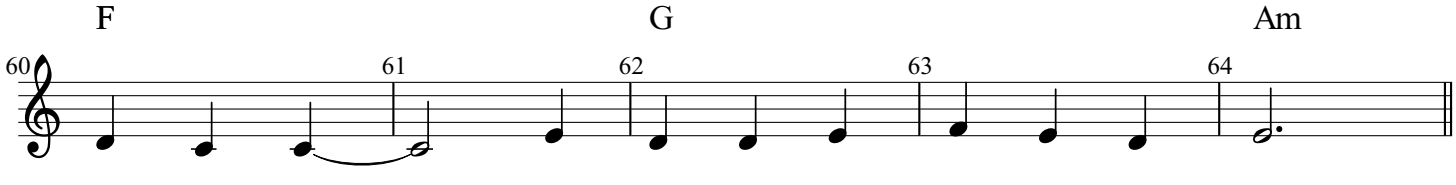
ren, the burn-ing stench of it all, I my-self and two-hun-dred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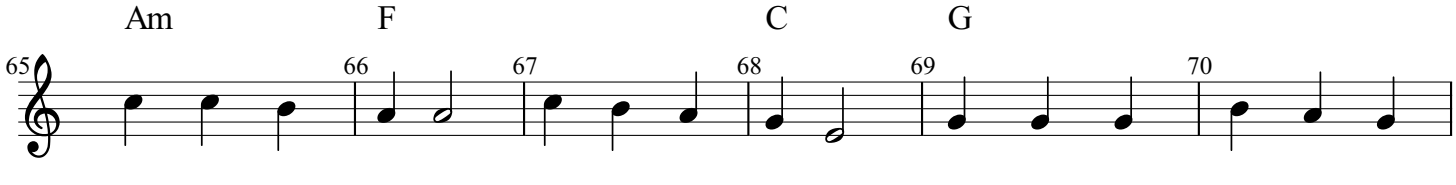
I-rish-men de-ci-ded to rise to the call.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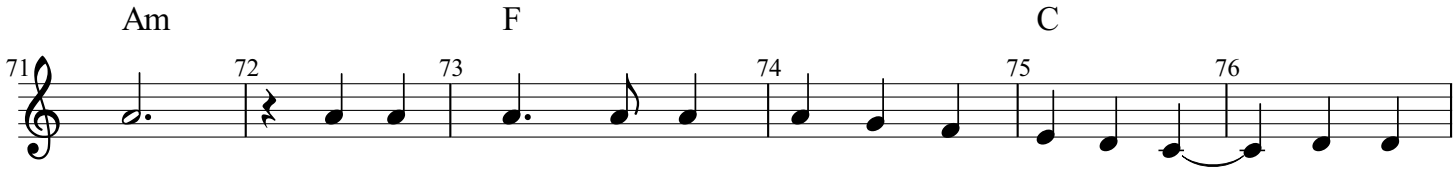
From Dub-lin Ci-ty to San Di-e-go, we wit-nessed free-dom de-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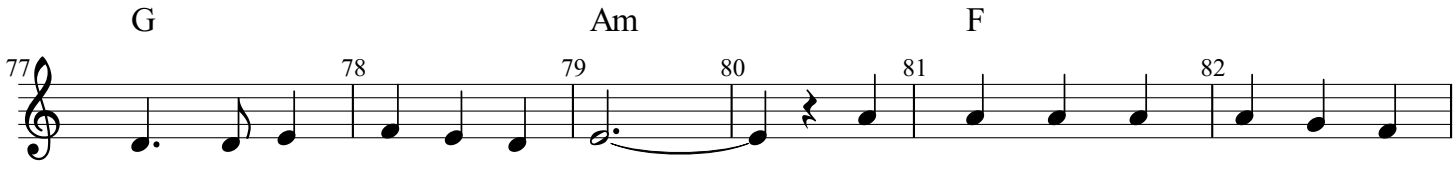
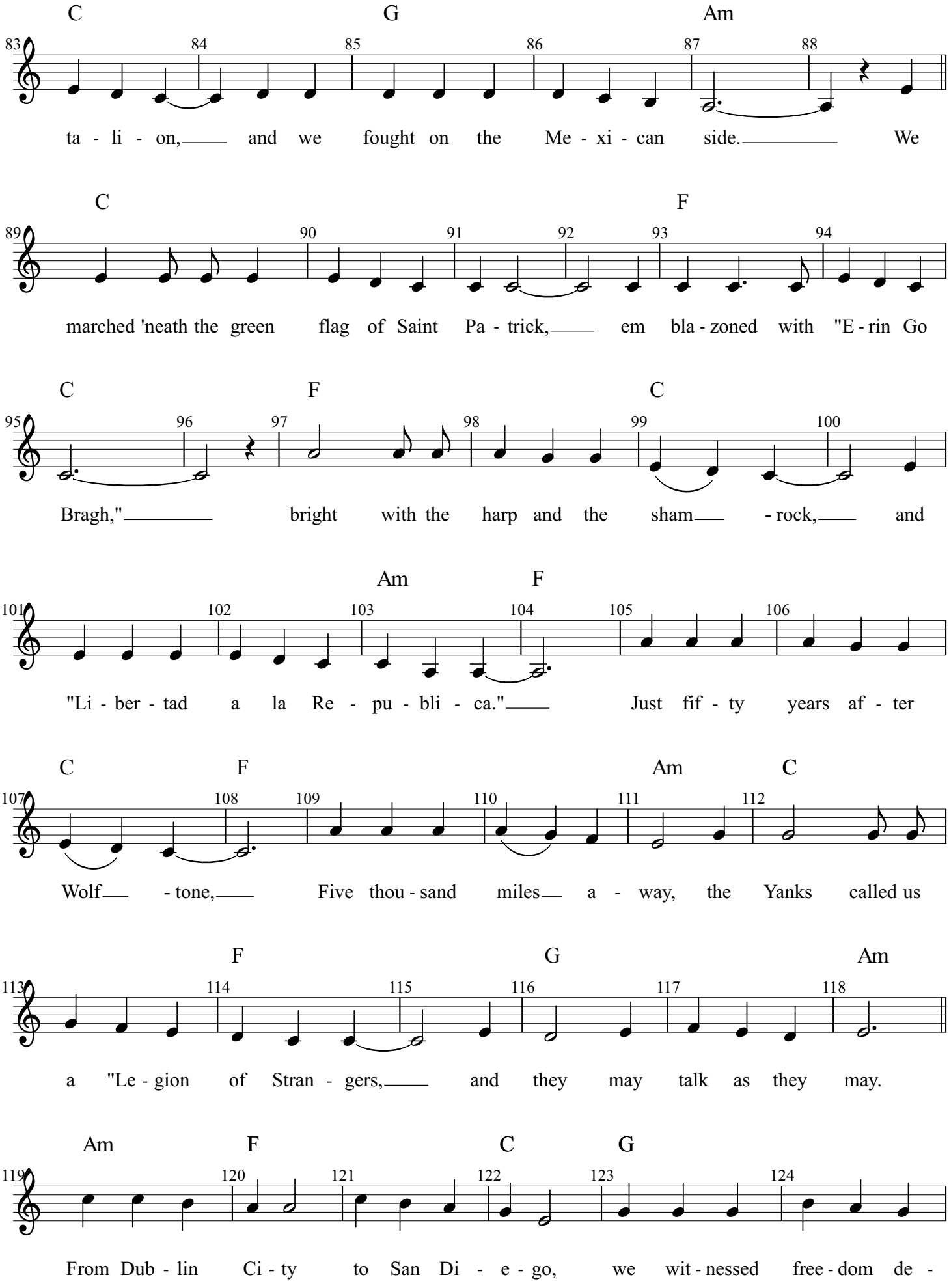

G Am F
fought on the Me-xi-can side. We formed the Saint Pa-trick Bat-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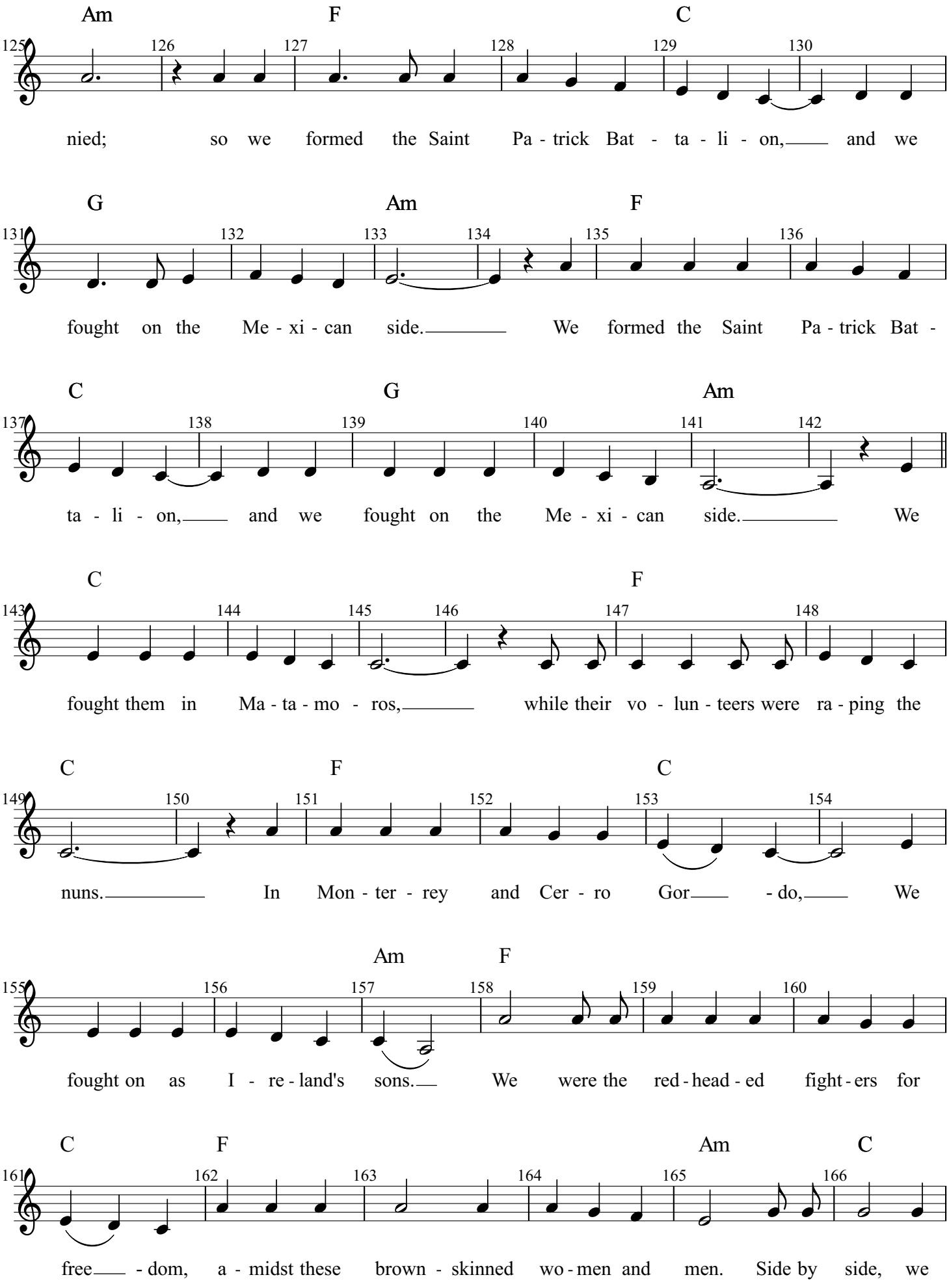
ta - li - on, and we fought on the Me - xi - can side. We
C F
marched 'neath the green flag of Saint Pa - trick, em bla - zoned with "E - rin Go
C F C
Bragh," bright with the harp and the sham - rock, and
Am F
"Li - ber - tad a la Re - pu - bli - ca." Just fif - ty years af - ter
C F Am C
Wolf - tone, Five thou - sand miles a - way, the Yanks called us
F G Am
a "Le - gion of Stran - gers, and they may talk as they may.
Am F C G
From Dub - lin Ci - ty to San Di - e - go, we wit - nessed free - dom de -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nied; so we formed the Saint Pa - trick Bat - ta - li - on, and we
G Am F
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fought on the Me - xi - can side. We formed the Saint Pa - trick Bat -
C G Am
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ta - li - on, and we fought on the Me - xi - can side. We
C F
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fought them in Ma - ta - mo - ros, while their vo - lun - teers were ra - ping the
C F C
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nuns. In Mon - ter - rey and Cer - ro Gor - do, We
Am F
155 156 157 158 159 160
fought on as I - re - land's sons. We were the red - head - ed fight - ers for
C F Am C
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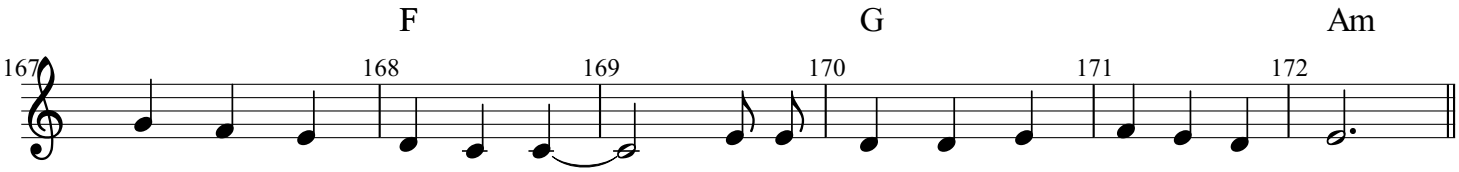
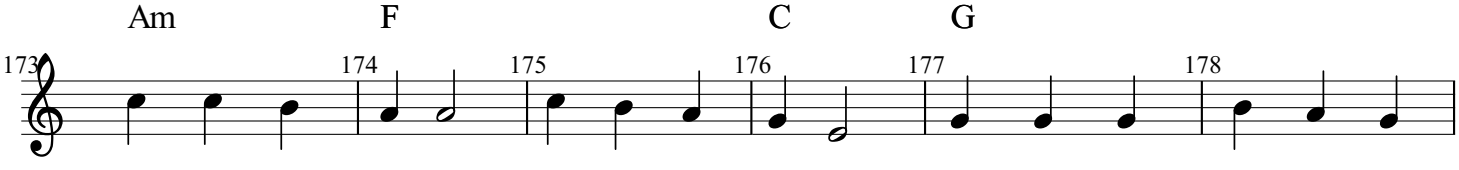
free - dom, a - midst these brown - skinned wo - men and men. Side by side, we



fought a - gainst ty - ran - ny, and I dare - say we'd do it a - gain.



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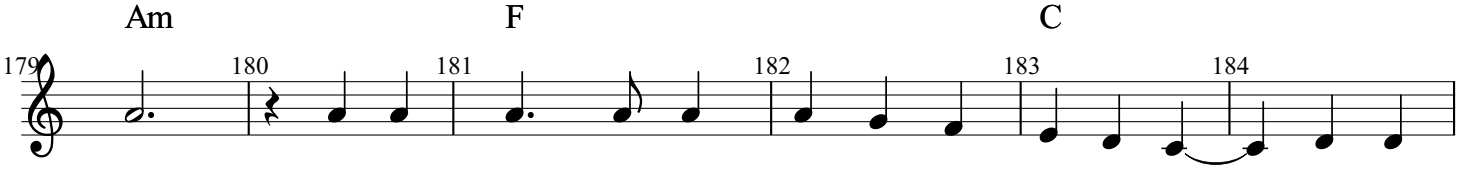

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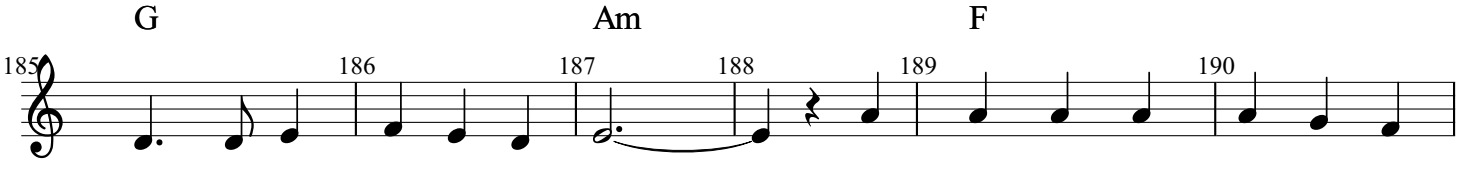

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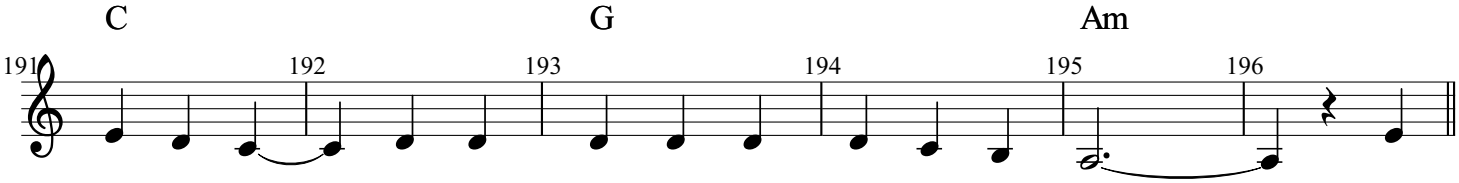

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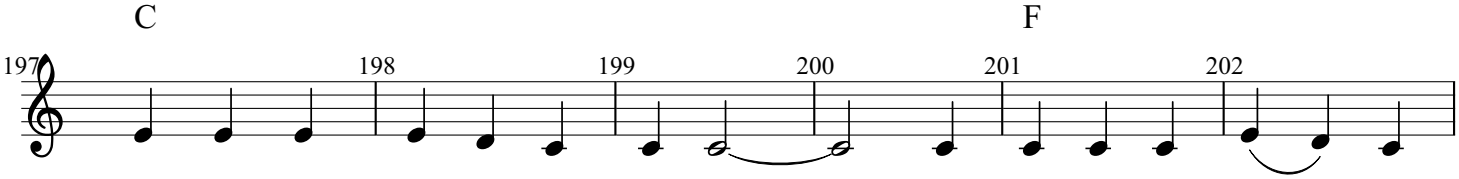

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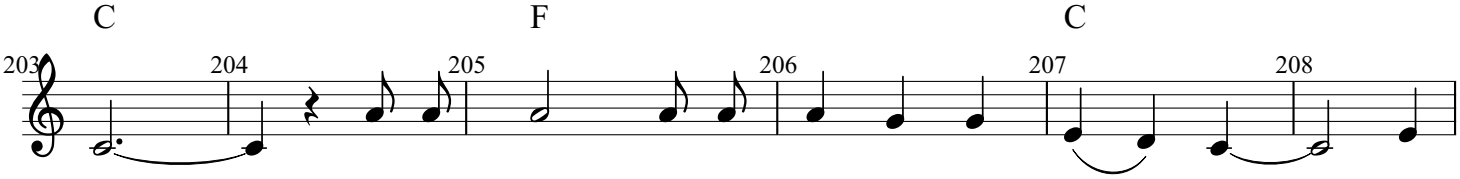
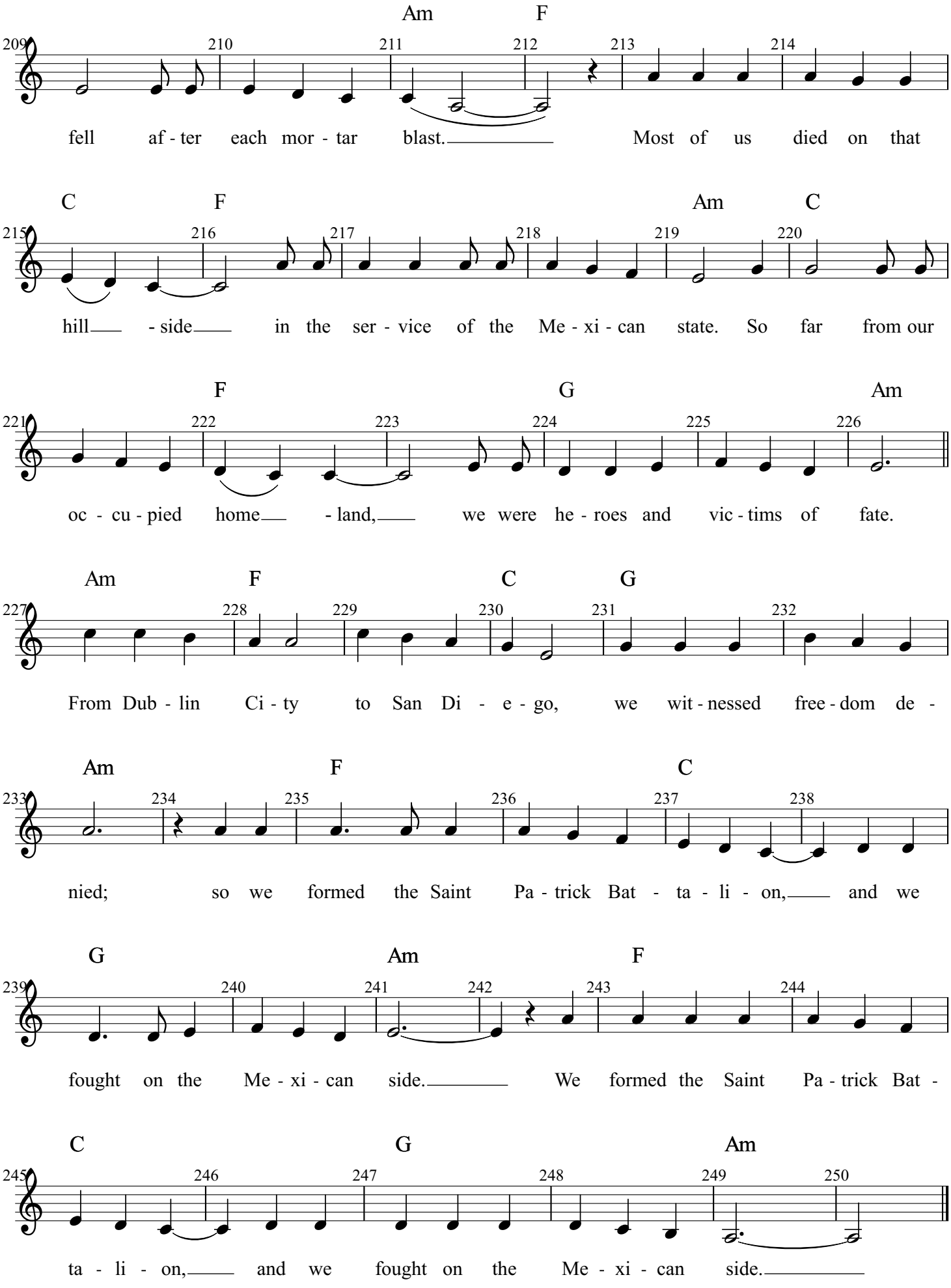


last. O ver - whelmed by the can - nons from Bos - ton, we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fell af - ter each mor - tar blast. Most of us died on that
C F Am C
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hill - side in the ser - vice of the Me - xi - can state. So far from our
F G Am
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oc - cu - pied home - land, we were he - roes and vic - tims of fate.
Am F C G
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From Dub - lin Ci - ty to San Di - e - go, we wit - nessed free - dom de -
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nied; so we formed the Saint Pa - trick Bat - ta - li - on, and we
G Am F
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fought on the Me - xi - can side. We formed the Saint Pa - trick Bat -
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ta - li - on, and we fought on the Me - xi - can side.

The Saint Patrick Battalion - Harmony

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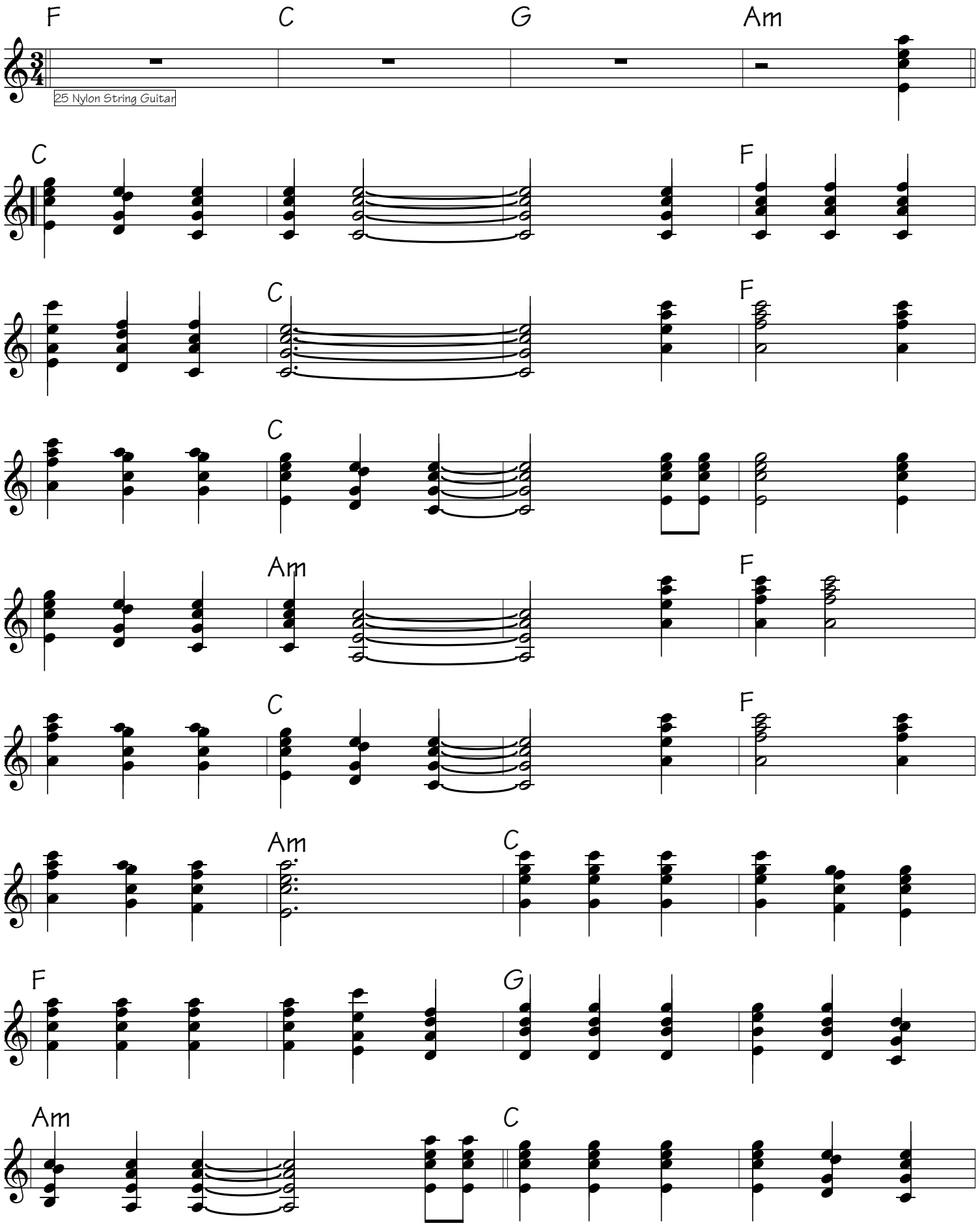

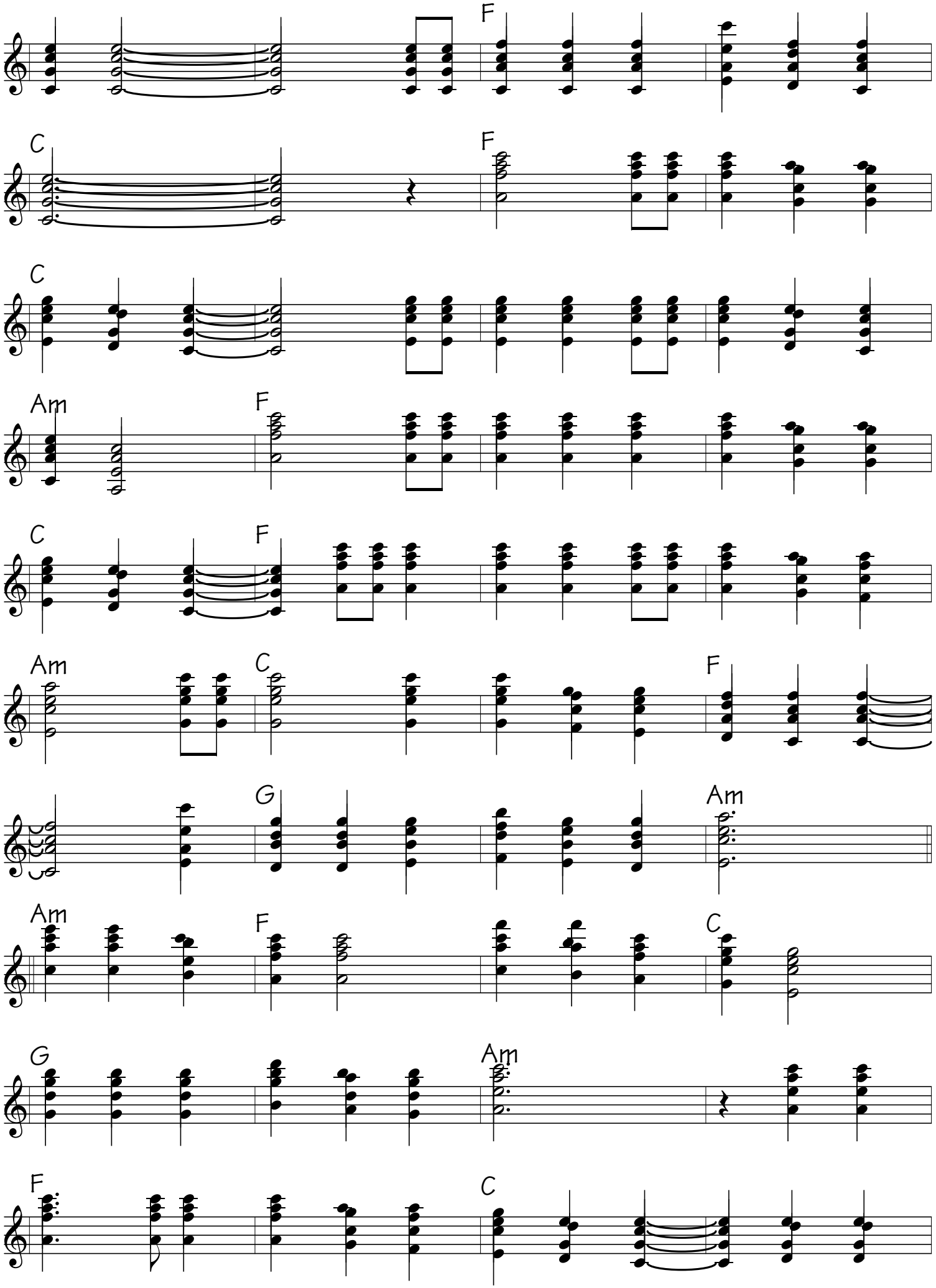
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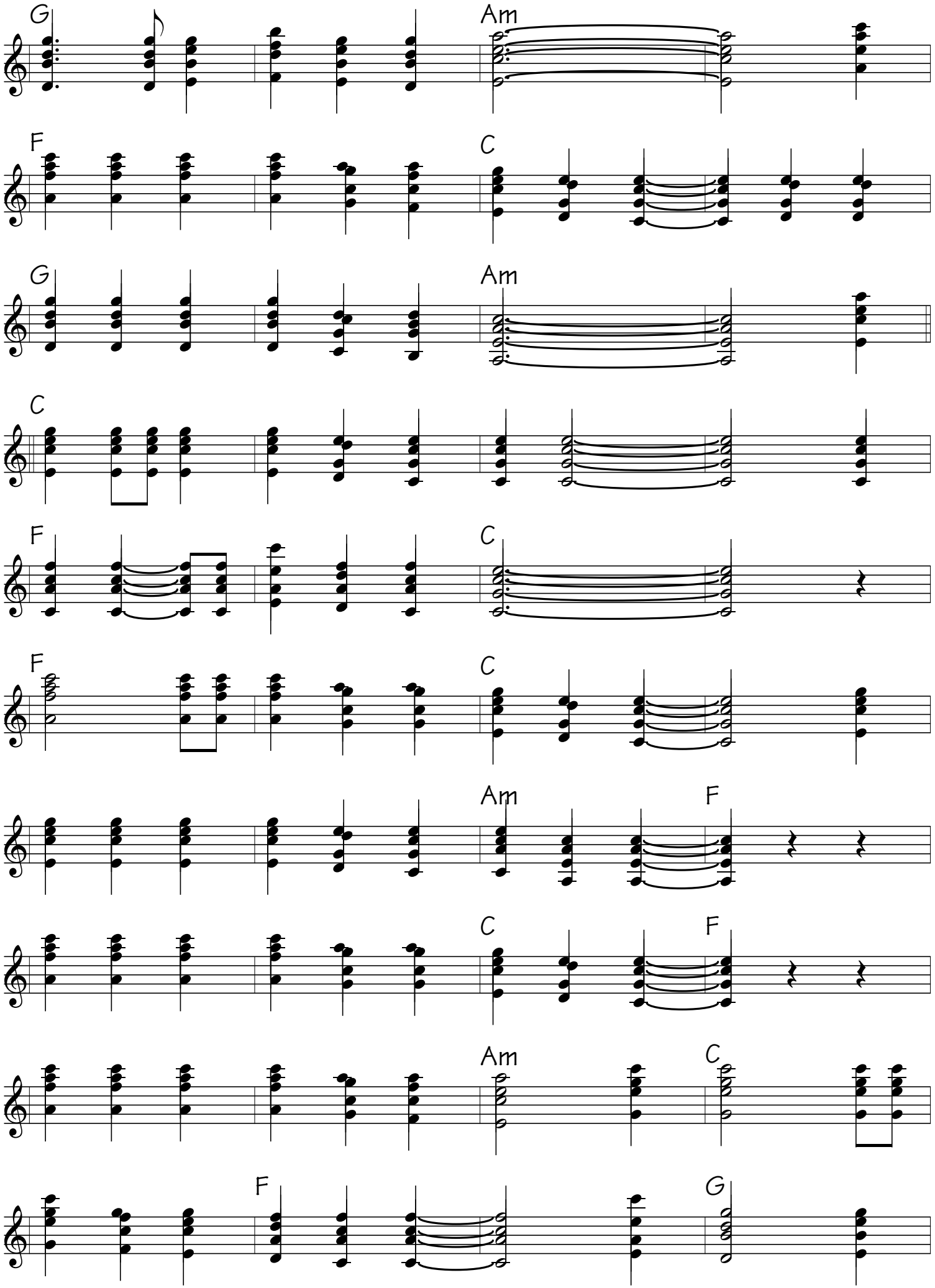
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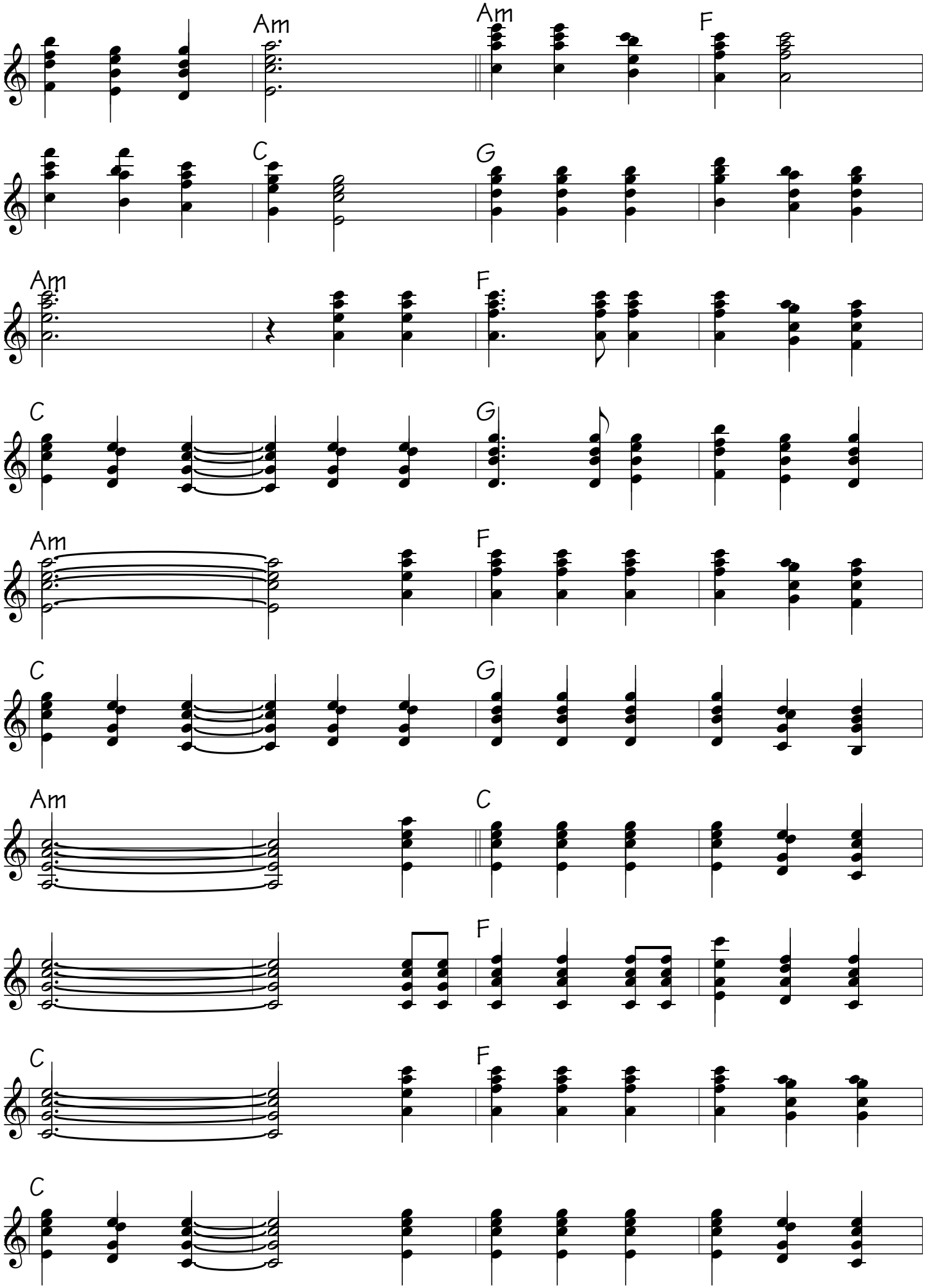
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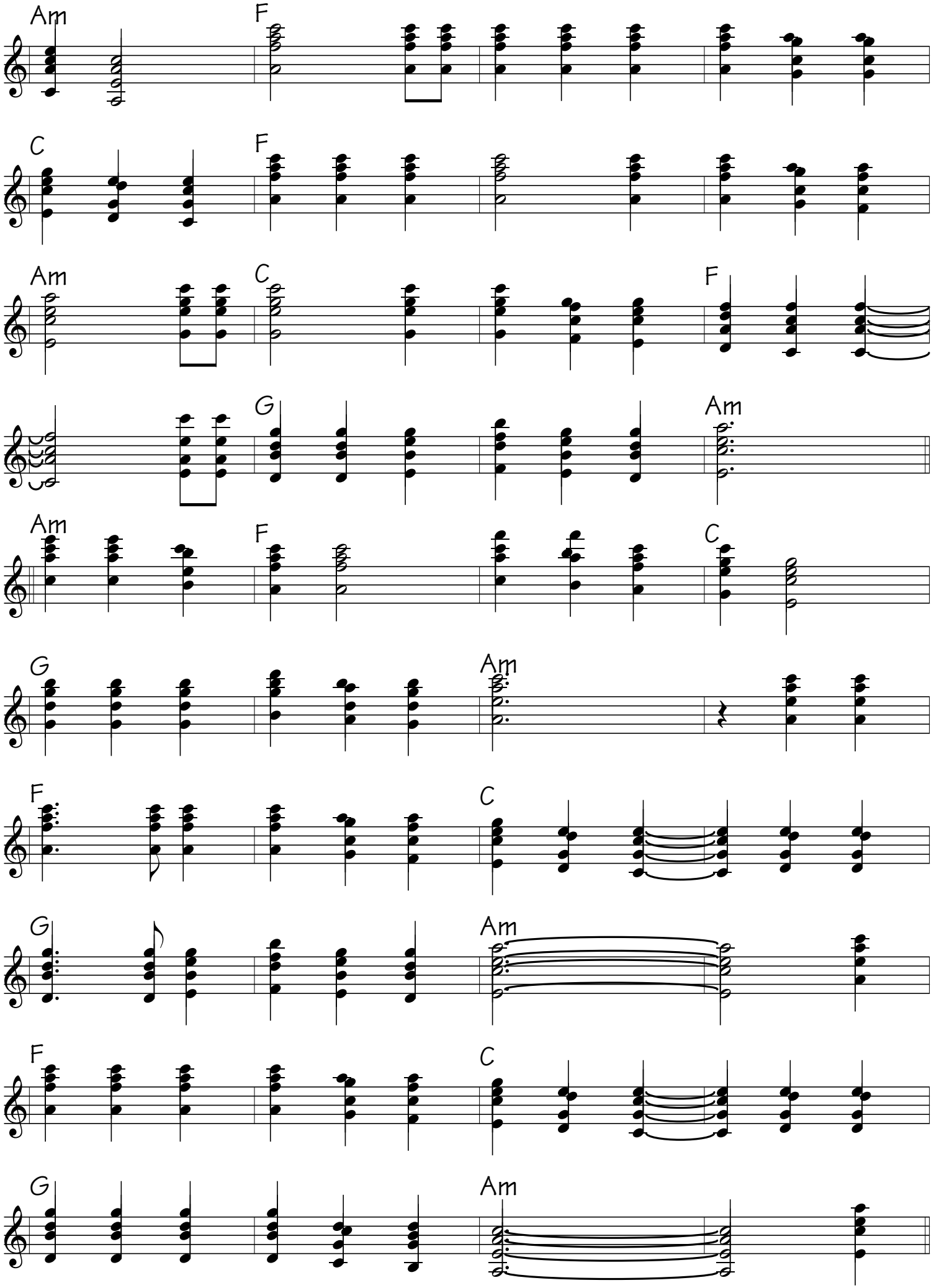
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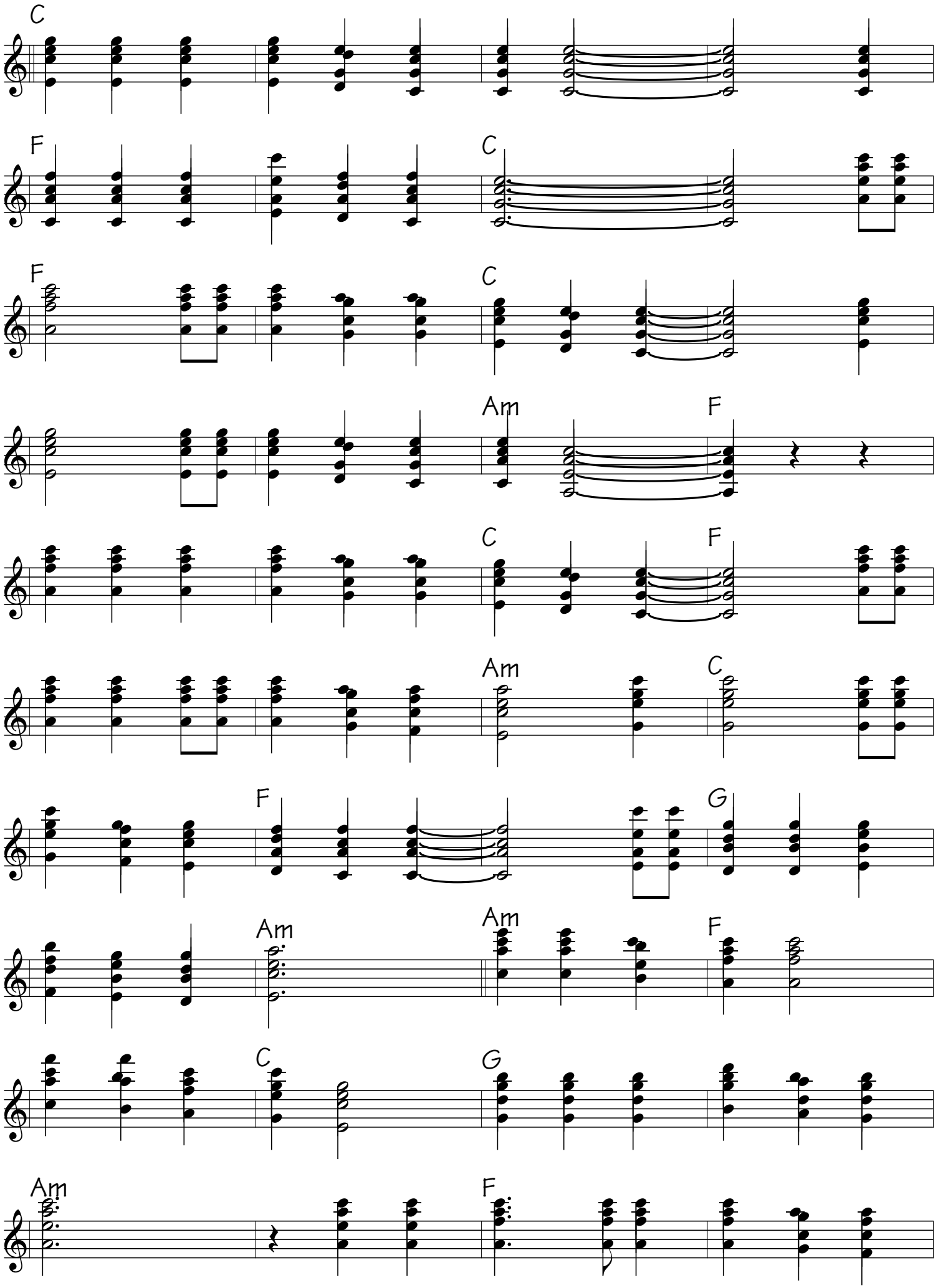
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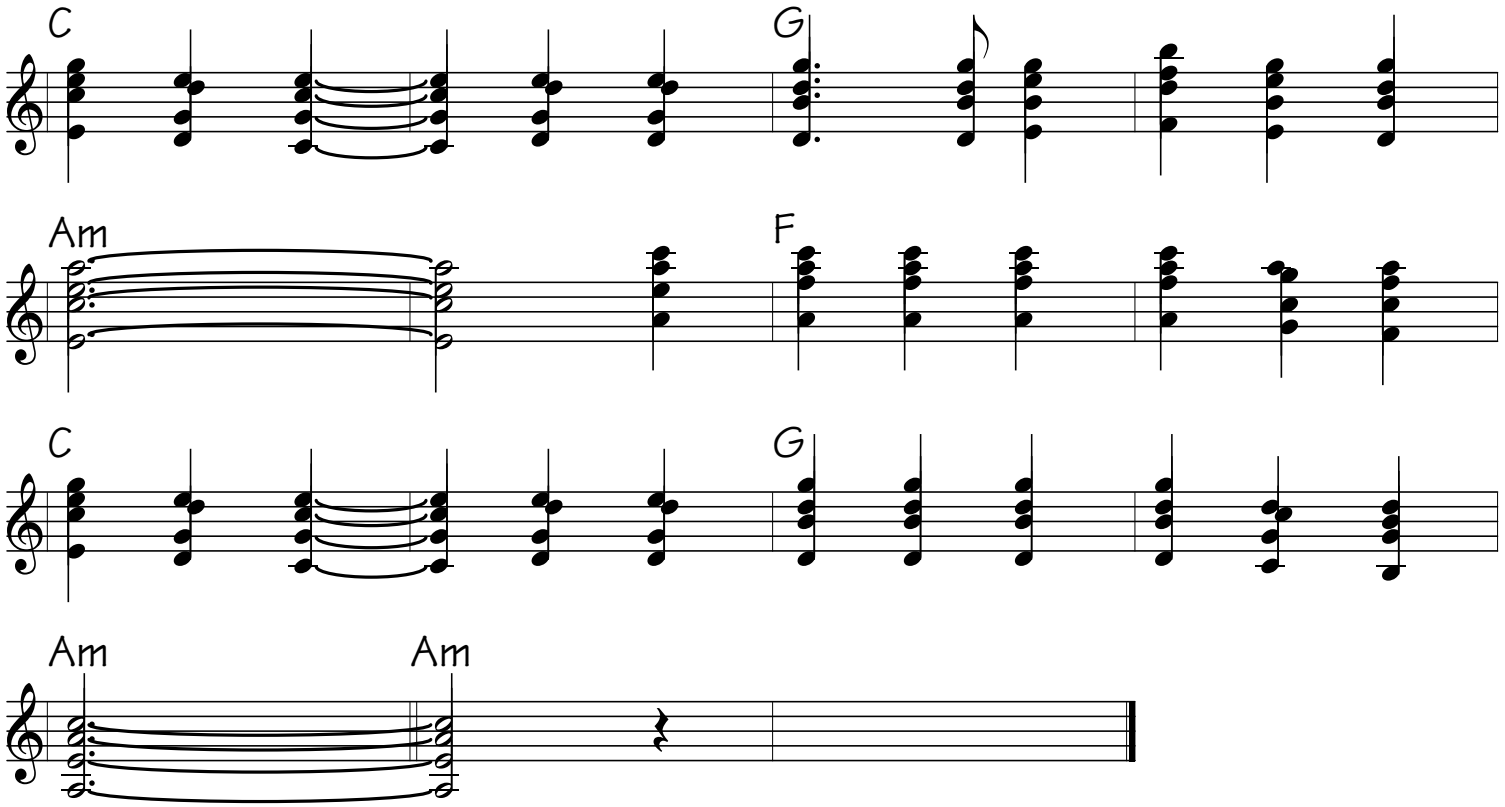
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The Saint Patrick Battalion - Acoustic Guitar

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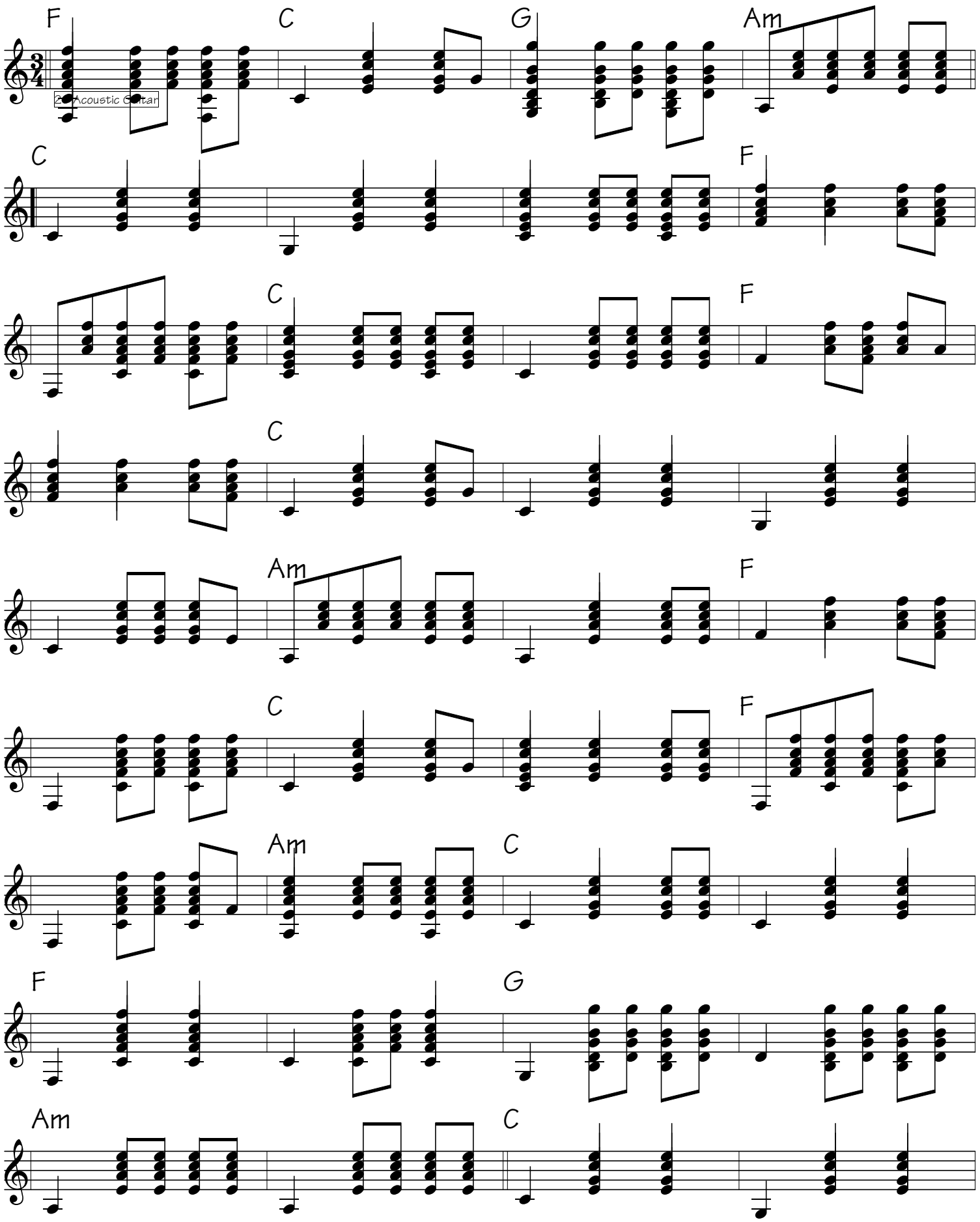

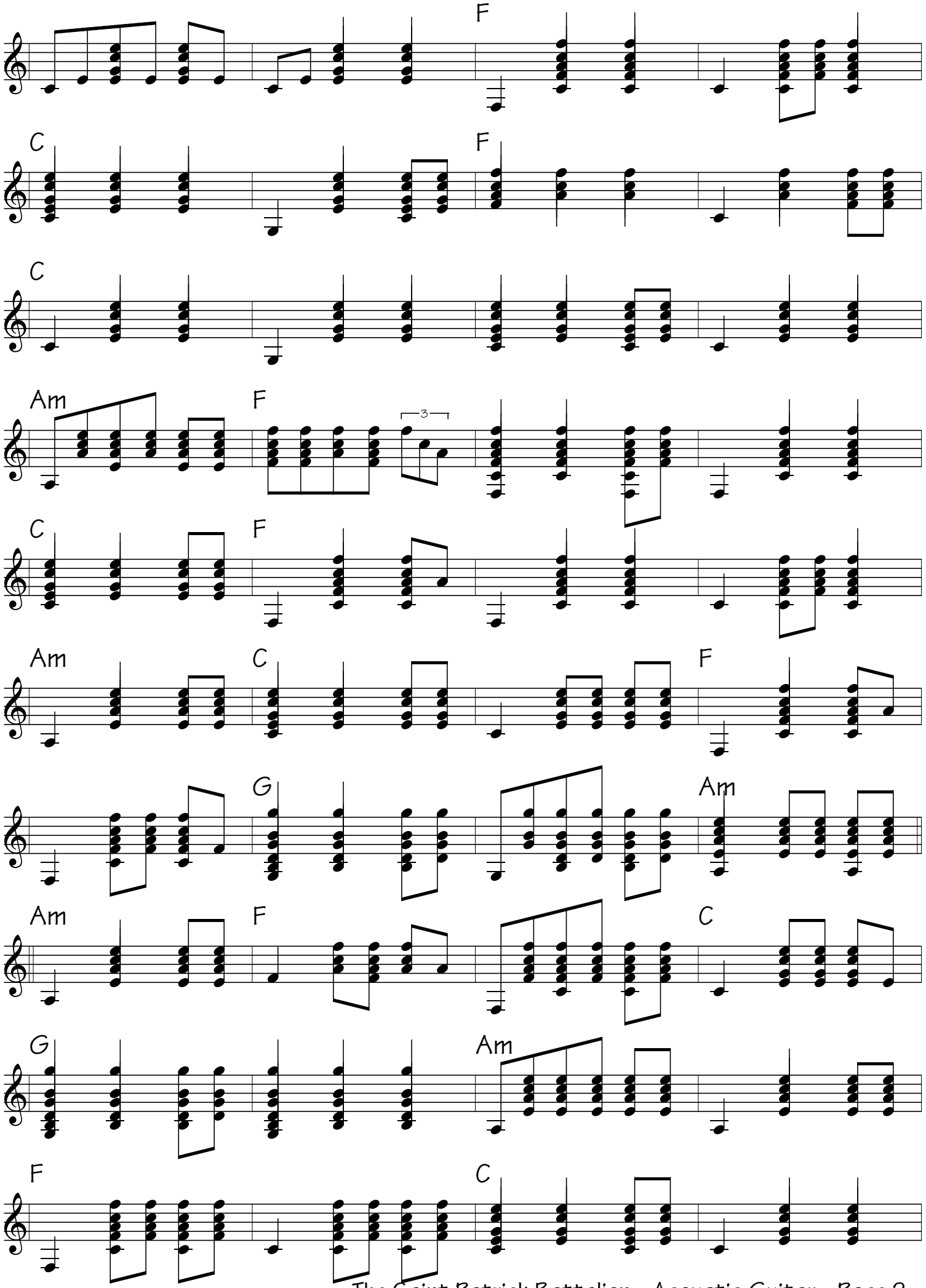
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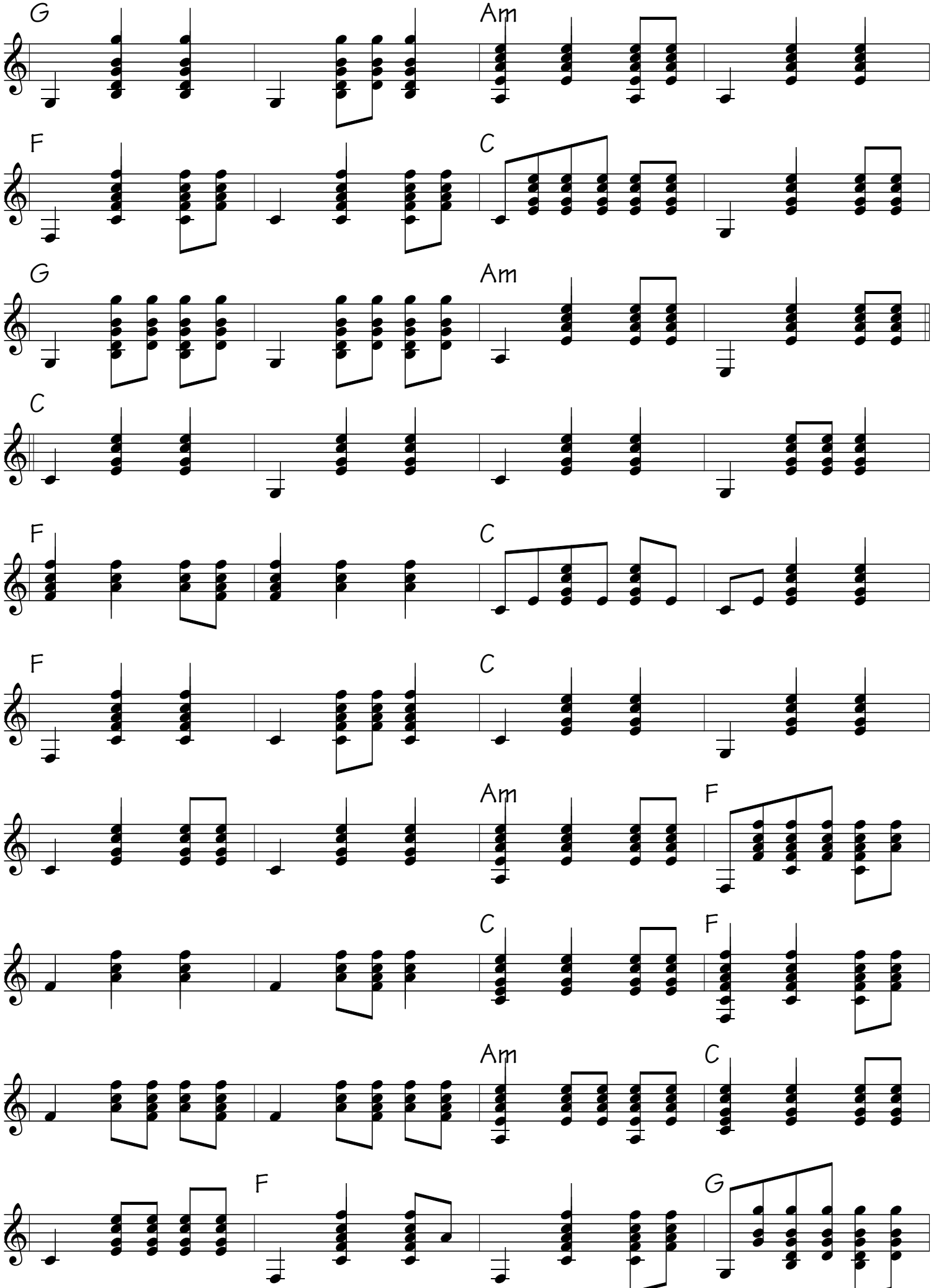
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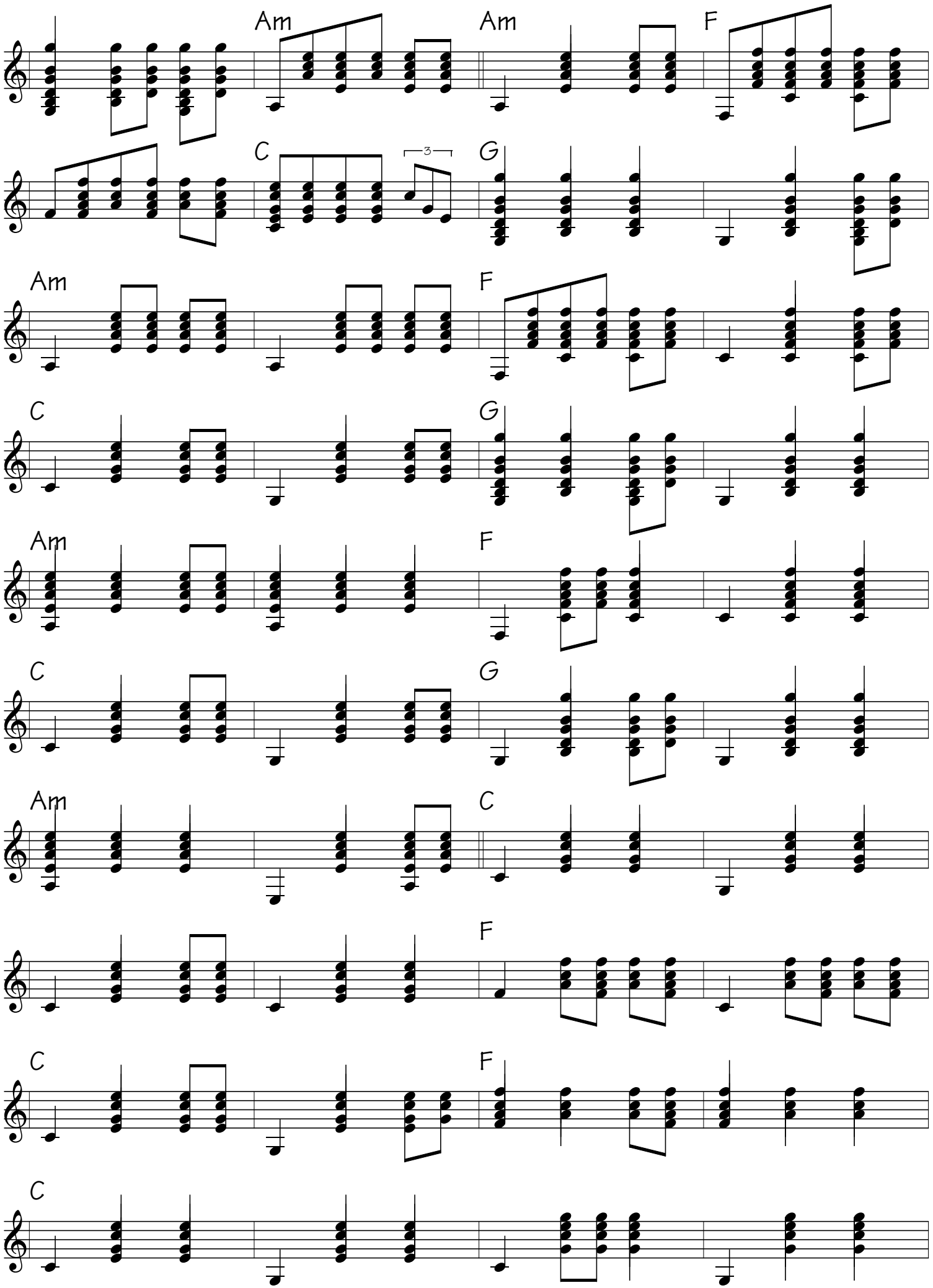
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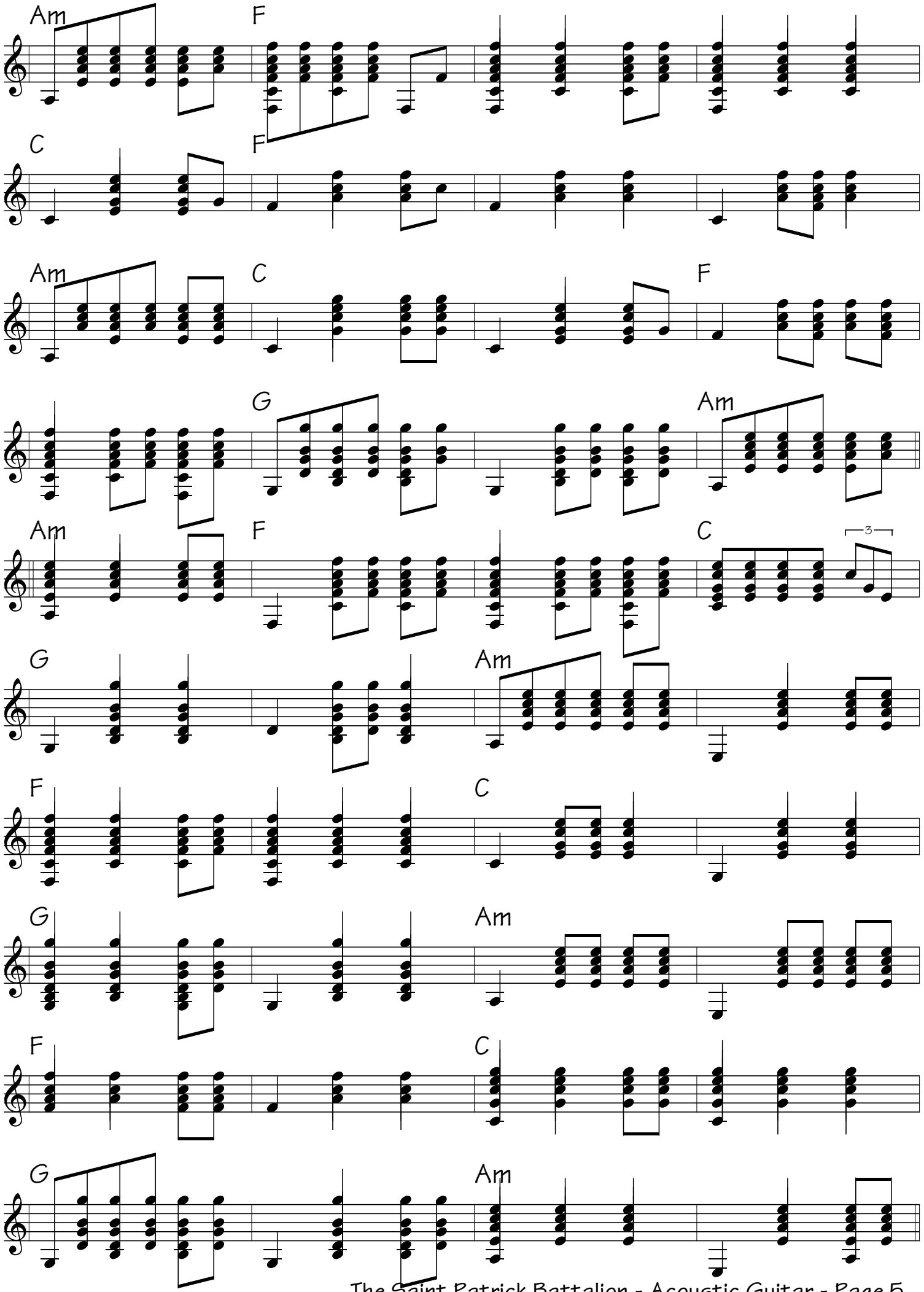
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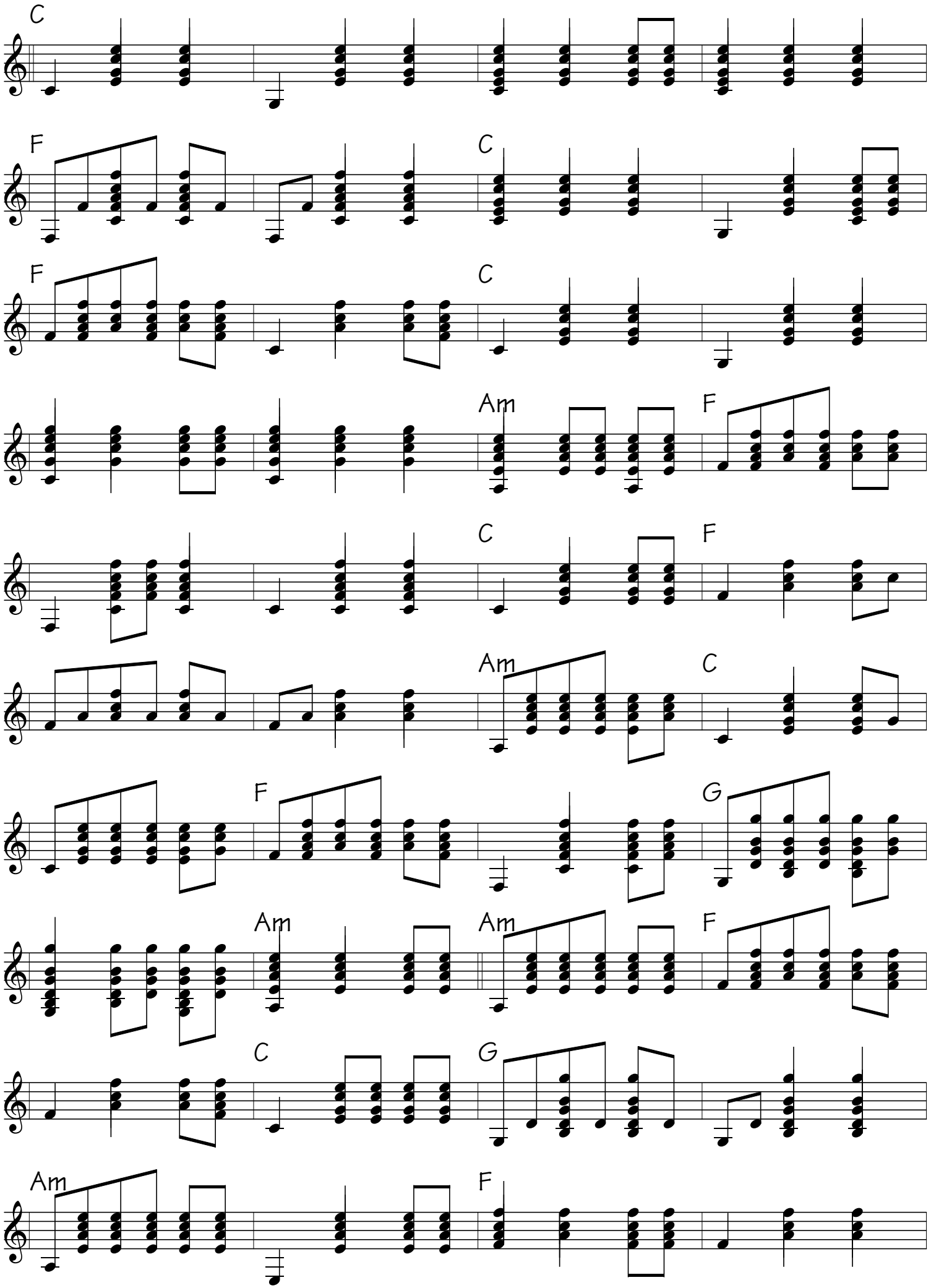
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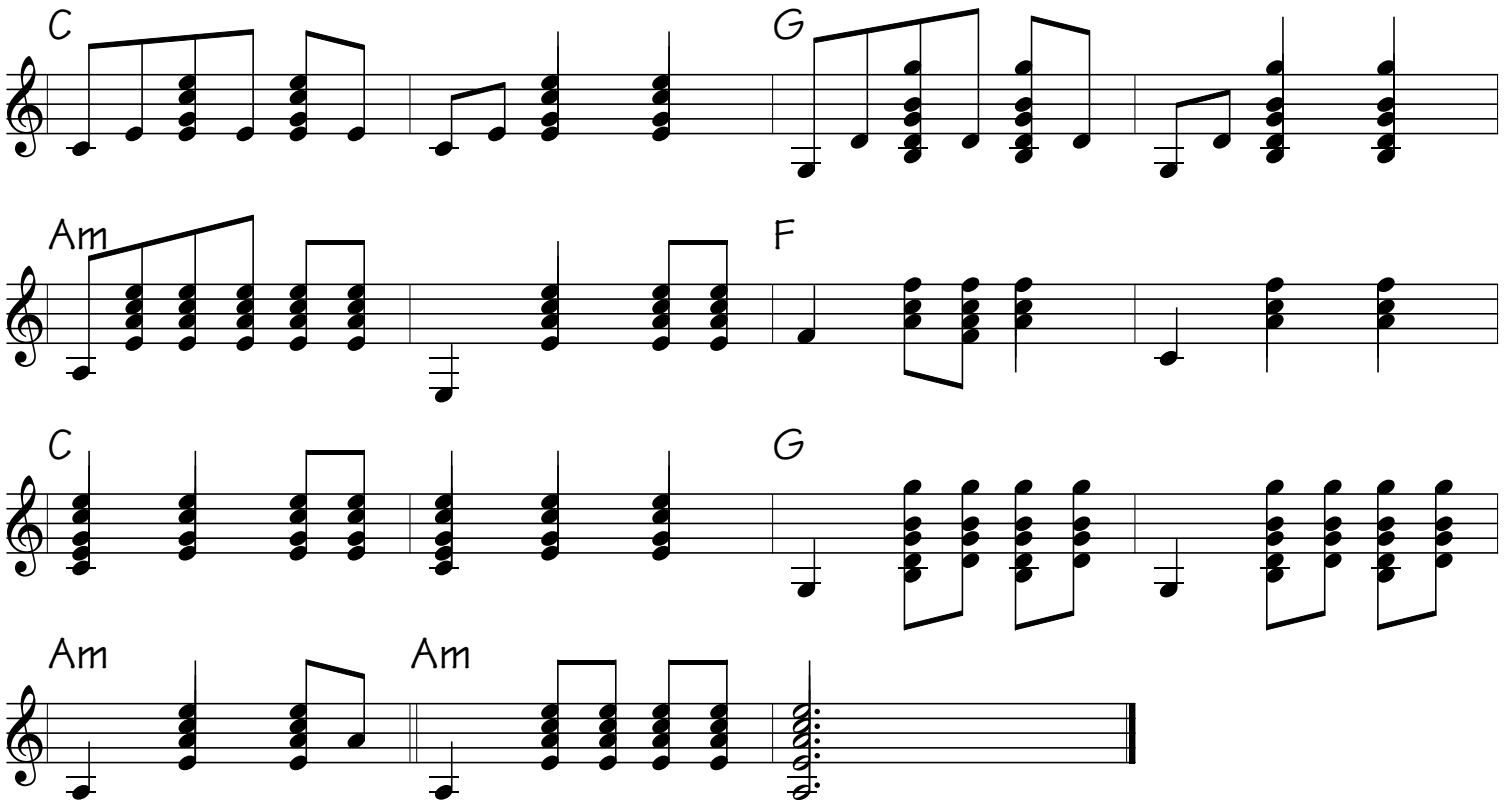
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