



## Irish National Anthem (The Soldier's Song)

March

Trad

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The national anthem, called 'The Soldier's Song'/'Amhrán na bhFiann', was written by Peadar Kearney either early in 1910 or late in 1909.

The music, by Patrick Heeney, is understood to have been composed around the same time. 'The Soldier's Song' was not widely known until it was sung at the GPO during the Easter Rising of 1916.

Liam Ring (Ó Rinn) was responsible for its first translation into Irish in late 1916 and it was published in the Army magazine, *An tÓglach*, on 3 November, 1923. On 12 July, 1926, the executive council of the Irish Free State decided to adopt the music of 'The Soldier's Song'/'Amhrán na bhFiann' as the official national anthem.



*"Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom!"* ~Proclamation to the Irish people. Easter 1916

