

O'Neill's War March

Marcshtua Uí Néill

March

Traditional arrangement by Thomas D. Downes

The musical score is written in 2/4 time and consists of five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. There are two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) in the first and second staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

The O'Neill dynasty.. or Ó Néill, is a group of families of Irish Gaelic origin, that have held prominent positions and titles in Ireland and elsewhere. As Chiefs of Cenél nEógain, the Northern Uí Néill, they are a prominent family in Ulster along with the O'Donnell and O'Doherty. The O'Neills hold that their ancestors were Kings of Ailech as descendants of Niall of the Nine Hostages. A number of their progenitors and members are named as High Kings of Ireland O'Neills were sovereign Kings of Tír Eógain, holding territories particularly around what is today County Tyrone. After the land was caught up in the Plantation of Ulster, they were involved in a number of significant events, such as Tyrone's Rebellion, the Flight of the Earls, the Irish Rebellion of 1641 and the Irish Confederate Wars.