

# Battle of the Somme

*Pipe Major William Laurie, Ballachulish (1882-1916)*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/8. It consists of four staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chord symbols: D, Bm, Em, G, A7, G, A7, D, Bm, A7 on the first staff; D, Bm, A7, Em, D, G, A7, D, A7, D on the second staff; D, A7, D, A7, D, Bm, D, G, A7, D, A7 on the third staff; and D, Bm, A7, Em, D, G, A7, D, A7, D on the fourth staff. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases repeated as indicated by repeat signs.

*Rhythm: Air  
Slow March*

*Notes: Laurie was with the 8th Argyles in the battle of the Somme, during July 1916.  
He was repatriated after contracting illness from 'trench conditions'.  
He wrote the tune while in hospital at Oxford. He died on 28 November 1916.*