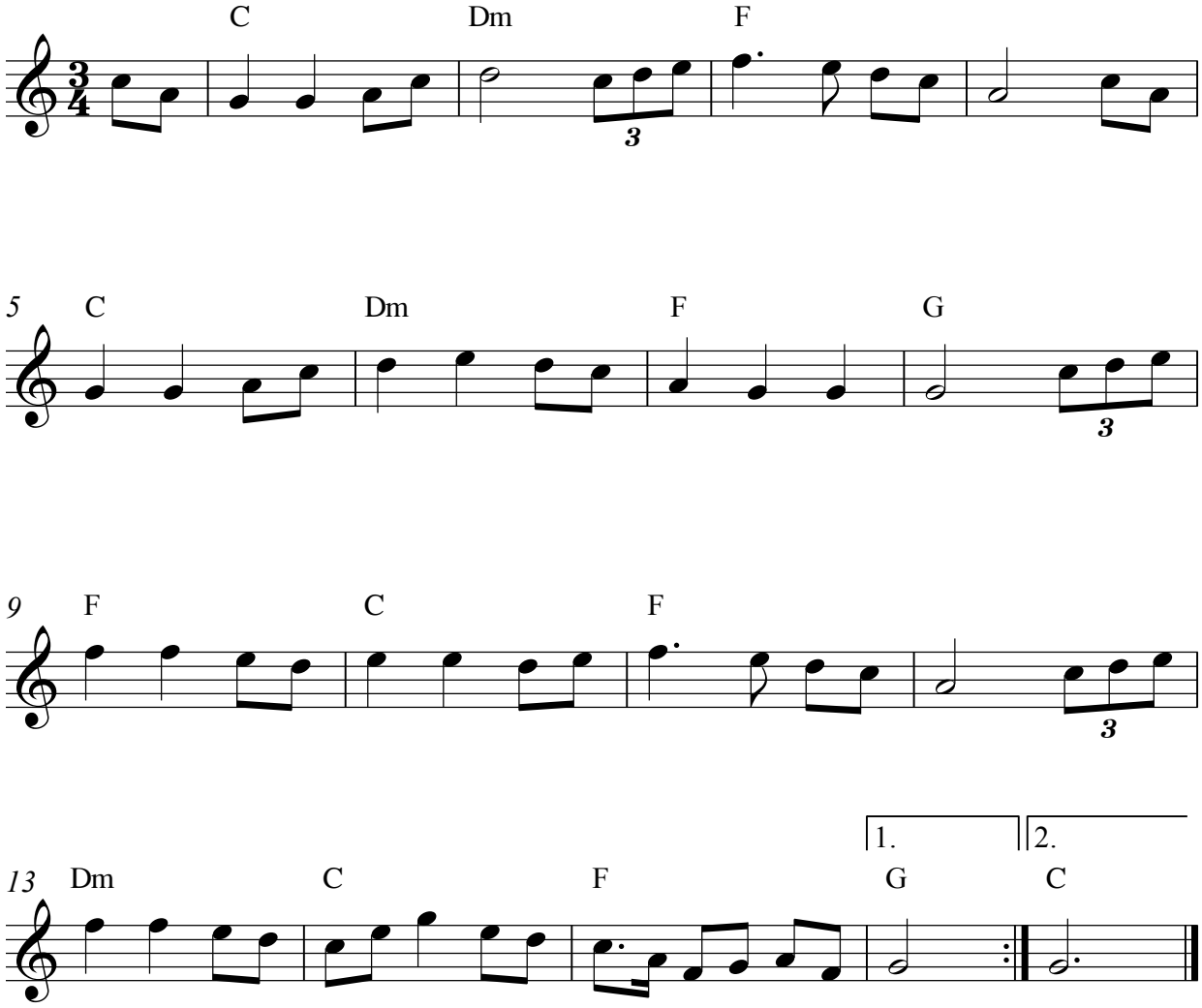
Bonny Portmore

Traditional Irish



This tune is an old Irish air from Ballinderry, County Antrim, collected by Edward Bunting from harper Daniel Black in 1796. Early lyrics associated with the tune refer to the great estate of Portmore, on the banks of Lough Beg, and lament the demolition of the castle in 1761 and deforestation of the deer park shortly after, and also refer to the "ornament tree", or Great Oak of Portmore, which fell at about the same time.

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