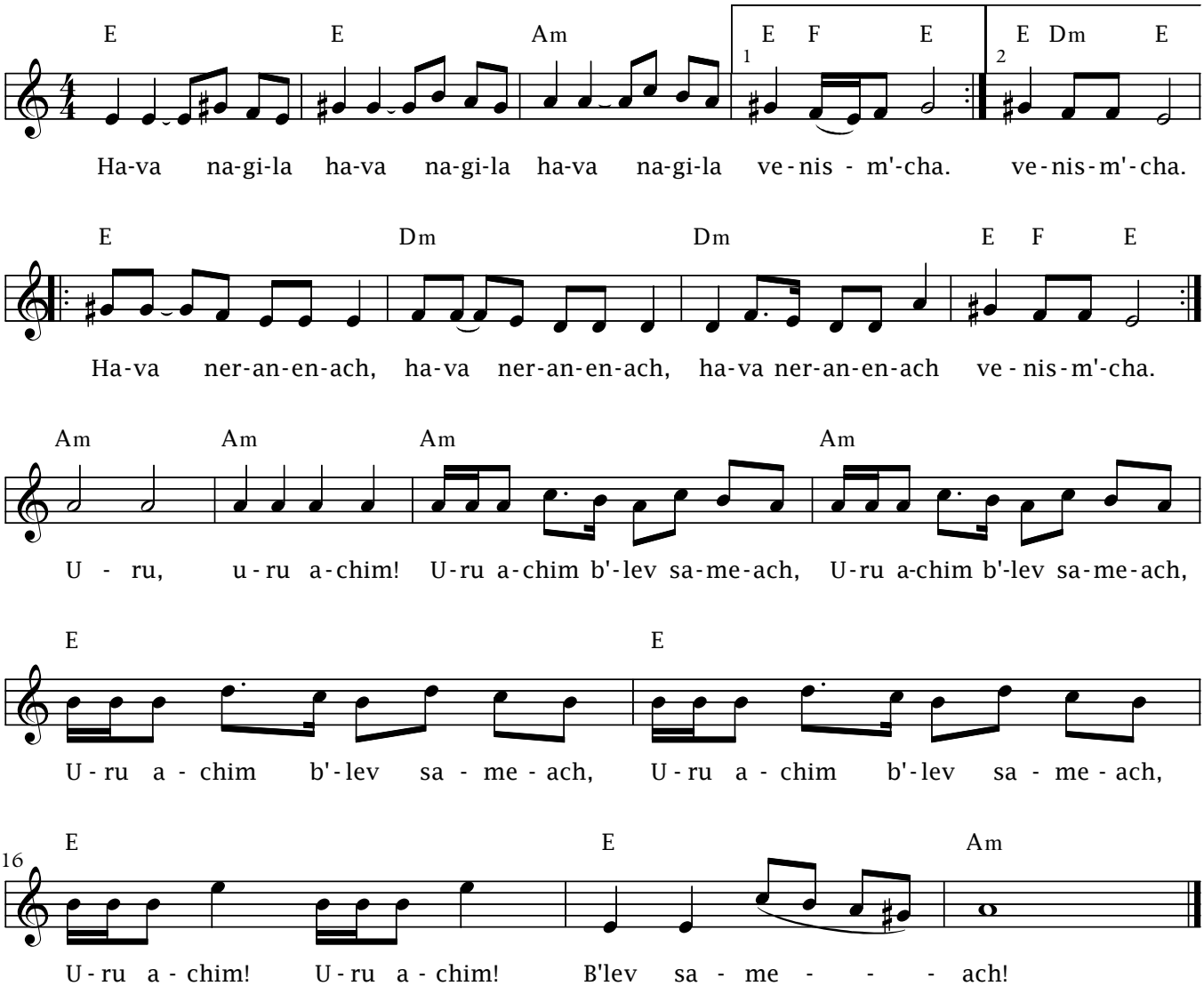
Hava Nagila

Melody based on a Hasidim *nigun,* lyrics based on Psalm 118:24

Set all G sharps.



Let's rejoice, let's rejoice, let's rejoice and be happy. (x2)
Let's sing, let's sing, let's sing and be happy. (x2)
Awake, awake, my brothers!
Awake, my brothers, with a happy heart (x4),
Awake, my brothers! Awake, my brothers! With a happy heart!

Originally sung very slowly without words, this melody came with Sadigorer Hasidim emigrants to Jerusalem from Bukovina (now Ukraine) sometime around 1900. It was transcribed in 1915 by music scholar Avraham Zvi Idelsohn, who enlivened the rhythm and added modern Hebrew words. The song is now heard at Jewish celebrations worldwide.