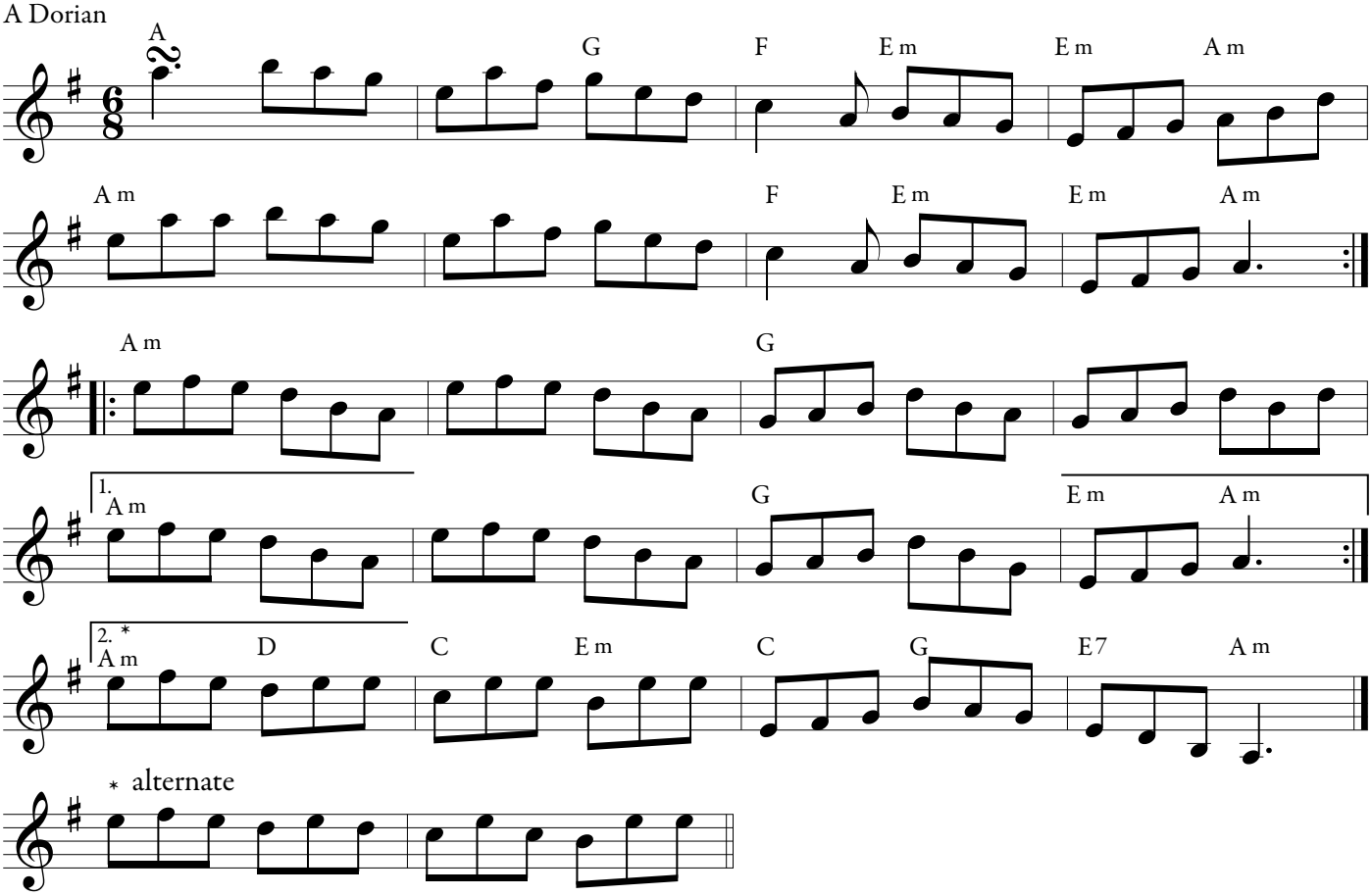
Cliffs of Moher (Aillte Motair Ua Ruadain)

A Dorian



Source: Matt Cranitch - The Irish Fiddle Book

Note: flutes and whistles can just repeat the final bar of the Part A ending for the Part B ending.

The Cliffs of Moher are situated on the Atlantic coast northwest of Lahinch, in County Clare. They stretch some eight kilometers from Hag's Head to O'Brien's Tower and reach 200 meters in height. They take their name from a ruined promontory fort, Mothar, which was demolished during the Napoleonic wars to make room for a signal tower. Although the tune is noted in G Major in O'Neill's/1850, it is usually heard played in the A Dorian mode, and indeed, O'Neill's version is quite distanced from modern ones. —Fiddler's Companion