



## Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore

December 25, 1829 – September 24, 1892

Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore was a 19th-century Irish-American composer, band leader, and music director who revolutionized the way we experience live musical performances today.

Born in Ballygar, Ireland in 1829, Gilmore learned to play instruments such as the fiddle and flute from an early age. He emigrated to Boston in 1848 and quickly made a name for himself in the music scene, even performing at the inauguration of President James Buchanan in 1857.

During the Civil War, Gilmore was hired as a brigadier general by President Abraham Lincoln and was responsible for organizing musical entertainment for Union troops.

In 1862, he was assigned to organize and lead the 24th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Band, which became well-known throughout the country for its concerts. He composed some of America's most beloved patriotic tunes such as "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and "Famous 22nd Regiment March."

As his popularity grew, Gilmore was asked to organize various music festivals, including the National Peace Jubilee in 1869 and the World's Peace Jubilee and International Musical Festival in 1872, as well as being the musical director during the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in 1886.

Throughout his career, Gilmore continuously pushed the boundaries of what was possible in live performance and pioneered new techniques in sound engineering. He also worked tirelessly to make large-scale musical events more accessible to a broader audience. By the end of his career, Gilmore was celebrated as one of America's greatest musical legends.

# Classical Pieces

Week 1 - Famous 22nd Regiment March

Week 2 - When Johnny Comes  
Marching Home

Week 3 - Norwich Cadets

Week 4 - Voice of a Departed Soul

# Composer Study

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

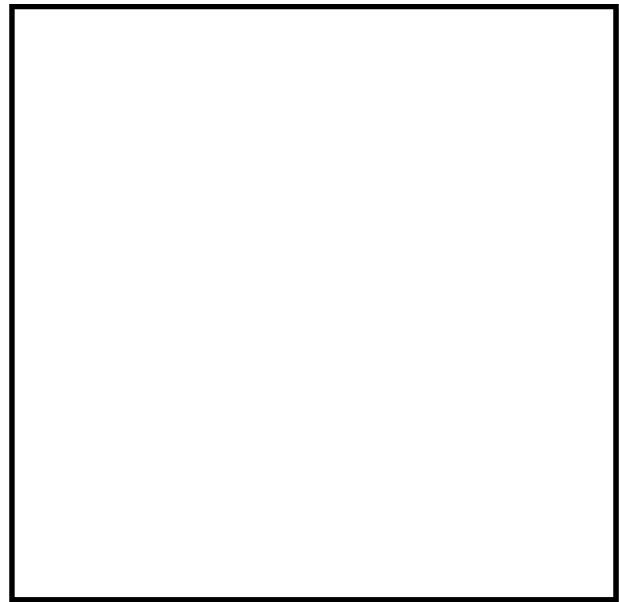
**Composer Fun Facts:**

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**Instruments Used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Famous Compositions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Further Study:**

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