



# The Marcher Dirge

Note: Most likely of pre-Imperial origin. If you are feeling particularly virtuous, you may wish to replace "And earth receive thy soul" with "And soon return thy soul".

This song can be done as a call and response, with everyone joining in on "Any nighte and alle" and "And earth receive thy soul".

Musical score for "The Marcher Dirge" in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: *This aye nighte, this aye nighte A - ny nighte and alle*  
 Chords: Dm, Gm, Dm, F, A

Staff 2: *Fire and fleet and can - dle - lighte And earth re - ceive thy soul 1. When*  
 Chords: B, A, B, Gm, A, G, B, Am, G

Staff 3: *thou from hence a - way dost pass A - ny nighte and alle To*  
 Chords: B, Am, B, Gm, A, F, A

Staff 4: *Whin-ny Moor thou comst at - last And earth re - ceive thy - soul.*  
 Chords: B, Am, B, Gm, A, G, B, Am, G

**Chorus:**

*This aye nighte, this aye nighte,  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 Fire and fleet and candle-lighte,  
 And earth receive thy soul.*

*From Whinny Moor when thou may'st pass,  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 To the great fire thou com'st at last;  
 And Earth receive thy soul*

*When thou from hence away art past  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 To Whinny Moor thou com'st at last  
 And earth receive thy soul*

**Chorus**

*If ever thou gavest meat or drink,  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 The fire shall never make thee shrink;  
 And Earth receive thy soul.*

**Chorus**

*If ever thou gavest hosen and shoon,  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 Sit thee down and put them on  
 And earth receive thy soul*

**Chorus**

*If meat or drink thou ne'er gav'st nane,  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 The fire will burn thee to the bare bane;  
 And Earth receive thy soul*

**Chorus**

*If hosen and shoon thou ne'er gav'st nane  
 Every nighte and alle,  
 The whinnes shall prick thee to the bare bane.  
 And earth receive thy soul*

**Chorus**

**Chorus**