

CARRICKFERGUS – key of G

"Carrickfergus" is an Irish folk song named after the town of Carrickfergus in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

The origins of the song are unclear and there is no historical lineage. It is most likely a merging of a number of songs. It has been traced to an Irish-language song, "Do bhí bean uasal" ("There Was a Noblewoman"), which is attributed to the poet Cathal Buí Mac Giolla Ghunna, who died in 1745 in County Clare. The song appears on a ballad sheet in Cork City in the mid nineteenth century. Ref:

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[G] I wish I [Am] was [D] in Carrick-[G]-fergus, [Em]
Only for [Am] nights [D] in Bally-[G]-grant [Gsus4=0233] [G]
I would swim [Am] over [D] the deepest [G] ocean, [Em]
Only for [Am] nights [D] in Bally-[G]-grant. [Gsus4] [G]
But the sea is [Em] wide and I [C] cannot cross [D] over
And neither [Em] have, I the [C] wings to [D] fly
I wish I could [Am] meet a [D] handsome [G] boatsman [Em]
To ferry me [Am] over, [D] my [C] love to [G] find. [Cmaj7=0002][G]

[G] My childhood [Am] days [D] bring back sad re-[G]-flections, [Em]
Of happy [Am] times [D] spent so long a-[G]-go [Gsus4] [G]
My boyhood [Am] friends [D] and my own re-[G]-lations, [Em]
Have all passed [Am] on [D] like the melting s-[G]-now. [Gsus4] [G]
And I spend my [Em] days in [C] endless [D] roaming
Soft is the [Em] grass my [C] bed is [D] free
Oh to be [Am] home now [D] in Carrick-[G]-fergus [Em]
On that old [Am] long [D] road [C] down to the [G] sea. [Cmaj7][G]

[G] But in Kil-[Am]-meny, [D] it is re-[G]-ported, [Em]
On marble [Am] stones [D] there as black as [G] ink [Gsus4] [G]
With gold and [Am] silver [D] I would sup-[G]-port her, [Em]
But I'll sing no [Am] more now, [D] 'till I get a [G] drink. [Gsus4] [G]
For I'm drunk [Em] today, and I'm [C] seldom [D] sober
A handsome [Em] rover from [C] town to [D] town,
Ah, but I'm [Am] sick now, [D] my days are [G] numbered, [Em]
Come all you [Am] young [D] men and [C] lay me [G] down.
[G] Oh, I wish I [Am] was [D] in Carrick-[G]-fergus, [Em]
Only for [Am] nights [D] in Bally-[G]-grant. [Cmaj7] [G]/.