

Bunch of Thyme

C G7 C
Come all ye maidens young and fair
 Em G7
All you that are blooming in your prime,
C C7 F C G7
Always beware and keep your garden fair
 C G7 C
Let no man steal away your thyme.

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For thyme it is a precious thing  
And thyme brings all things to my mind.  
Thyme with all its flavours, along with all its joys  
Thyme, brings all things to my mind.

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Once I and a bunch of thyme
I thought it never would decay.
Then came a lusty sailor who chanced to pass my way
He stole my bunch of thyme away.

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The sailor gave to me a rose  
A rose that never would decay,  
He gave it to me to keep me reminded  
Of when he stole my thyme away.

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The lyrics to A Bunch of Thyme tell the story of a young woman who loses her virginity to a sailor who then abandons her. The song is traditional and dates back at least to the 17th century. It was a big hit for Irish duo Foster and Allen in the 1980s.

The chords are presented here in the key of C Major. Foster and Allen usually play the song in E Major. Place a capo on the fourth fret and play the chord shapes shown below to play the A Bunch of Thyme in E Major.

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