

## Galway Bay - Lyrics and Chords Dolores Keane version

G C G  
It's far away I am today  
C G  
From scenes I roamed a boy  
D G C  
And long ago the hour, I know  
D  
I first saw Illinois.  
G D C G  
But time nor tide, nor waters wide,  
C D  
Can wean my heart away  
G D C G  
For ever true it flies to you  
C G  
My own dear Galway Bay.

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A prouder man I'd walk the land  
In health and peace of mind,  
If I might toil and strive and moil,  
Nor cast one thought behind;  
But what would be the world to me,  
Its rank and rich array,  
If memory I lost of thee,  
My poor old Galway Bay.

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Oh, grey and bleak, by shore and creek,  
The rugged rocks abound,  
But sweet and green the grass between  
As grows on Irish ground.  
So friendship fond, all wealth beyond,  
And love that lives always,  
Bless each poor home beside your foam,  
My dear old Galway Bay.

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Had I youth's blood and hopeful mood  
And heart of fire once more,  
For all the gold the world might hold,  
I'd never leave your shore;  
I'd be content with whatever God sent,  
With neighbours old and grey,  
And I'd lay my bones 'neath churchyard stones,  
Beside you, Galway Bay.

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The blessings of a poor old man  
Be with you night and day,  
The blessings of a lonely man  
Whose heart will soon be clay.  
It's all the Heaven I'd ask of God  
Upon my dying day  
My soul to soar for evermore  
Above you, Galway Bay.

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The lyrics to the Dolores Keane version of Galway Bay were written by Frank Fahy. Like the lyrics to the more famous song of the same name, it's told from the point of view of an Irish emigrant abroad looking back to the days of his youth in Galway Bay.

Fahy's lyrics were set to an old Irish traditional tune that may seem familiar because a version of it was also used in the Irish/Australian song, the Wild Colonial Boy.

The song is presented here in the key of G Major. Use our key converter to play the chords in different keys.

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