

## Maid with the Bonny Brown Hair

G  
As once I roved out very early  
C D7  
To view the green meadows in Spring,  
G Em  
It was down by the side of a river  
C D G  
I heard a fair damsel did sing,  
G  
And I stood in completest amazement  
C D7  
I gazed on that maiden so fair.  
G  
She appeared to me brighter than Venus  
C D G  
That maid with the bonny brown hair.

~~~~~  
Her eyes they did shine like the diamonds  
Her cheeks like the red rose in June,  
Her skin was as white as the lily  
And her breath had the rarest perfume,  
And a dress of the best speckled velvet  
This charming wee lass she did wear,  
And chains of bright gold and pure silver  
Were twined in her bonny brown hair.

~~~~~  
For a long while we courted together  
Till at last we named the wedding day,  
And one day while conversing together  
Very kindly to me she did say,  
"O, it's I have another far kinder -  
My land and my fortune to share  
So farewell to you now, and forever,  
Said the maid with the bonny brown hair.

~~~~~  
And once I went over the ocean  
Being bound for the proud land of Spain,  
Some singing and dancing for pleasure  
But I had a heart full of pain.  
And as the ship sailed down the river  
I espied my old sweetheart so fair  
Quite content in the arms of another  
Was the maid with the bonny brown hair.

So farewell to my friends and relations  
Perchance I shall see you no more,  
And when I'm in far distant nations  
Sure I'll sigh for my dear native shore.  
When I'm in some far distant nation  
My land and my fortune to share  
I hope I'll get someone more kinder  
Than the maid with the bonny brown hair.

The Maid with the Bonny Brown Hair tells the story of a young man who falls in love with a beautiful girl.

They get as far as naming the wedding day, only for her to jilt him when she gets a better offer from a man who is far kinder. The rejections scene is very polite but very quick and final.

*Very kindly to me she did say  
"O, it's I have another far kinder  
My land and my fortune to share  
So farewell to you now, and forever"*

The young man is left distraught and he eventually decides to leave Ireland for Spain where he hopes to find someone kinder.

<http://www.irishmusicforever.com/maid-with-the-bonny-brown-hair>

### Chord Converter



Our chord converter enables you to play this song in any key.

There's lots of information about changing chords, dominant sevenths advanced use of capo, and more to make playing your favourite songs easier.

Find it here:  
<http://www.irishmusicforever.com/key-converter>