

Girl I Left Behind (traditional)

C F(½) G7(½) C C
 I'm lonesome since I crossed the hill, and o'er the moorland sedy
C F G7 C
 Such heavy thoughts my heart do fill, since parting with my Betsey
C C C C(½) G7(½)
 I seek for one as fair and gay, but find none to remind me
C F G7 C(½) G7(½)
 How sweet the hours I passed away, with the girl I left behind me.

O ne'er shall I forget the night,
 the stars were bright above me
 And gently lent their silv'ry light
 when first she vowed to love me
 But now I'm bound to Brighton camp
 kind heaven then pray guide me
 And send me safely back again,
 to the girl I left behind me

The bee shall honey taste no more,
 the dove become a ranger
 The falling waters cease to roar,
 ere I shall seek to change her
 The vows we made to heav'n above
 shall ever cheer and bind me
 In constancy to her I love,
 the girl I left behind me.

Her golden hair in ringlets fair,
 her eyes like diamonds shining
 Her slender waist, her heavenly face,
 that leaves my heart still pining
 Ye gods above oh hear my prayer
 to my beauteous fair to find me
 And send me safely back again,
 to the girl I left behind me