

# When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

The lyrics to *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* were written by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr. and set to the music of Enerst Ball for Olcott's production of *The Isle O' Dreams*. The music was published in 1912.

*D* *D* *D* *A7*  
There's a tear in your eye and I'm wondering why  
*D* *D* *D* *D*  
For it never should be there at all  
*A7* *A7* *D* *B7*  
With such power in your smile, sure a stone you'd beguile  
*E7* *E7* *A* *A7*  
So there's never a teardrop should fall

*D* *D* *D* *A7*  
When your sweet lilting laughter's like some fairy song  
*D* *D7* *G* *G*  
And your eyes twinkle bright as can be  
*E7* *E7* *A* *A*  
You should laugh all the while, and all other times smile  
*E7* *E7* *A* *A7*  
And now smile a smile for me

*D* *D* *D* *D7* *G* *G* *D* *D*  
When Irish eyes are smiling, sure it's like a morn in Spring  
*G* *G* *D* *B7* *E7* *E7* *A* *A7*  
In the lilt of Irish laughter, you can hear the angels sing  
*D* *D* *D* *D7* *G* *G* *D* *D*  
When Irish hearts are happy, all the world seems bright and gay  
*G* *G#dim* *D* *B7* *E7* *A7* *D* *D*  
And when Irish eyes are smi - ling, sure they steal your heart away

For your smile is a part of the love in your heart,  
And it makes even sunshine more bright.  
Like the linnet's sweet song, crooning all the day long,  
Comes your laughter and light.

For the springtime of life is the sweetest of all  
There is ne'er a real care or regret;  
And while springtime is ours throughout all of youth's hours,  
Let us smile each chance we get.