

The Irish Collection



Down by the Salley Gardens (traditional)

song air

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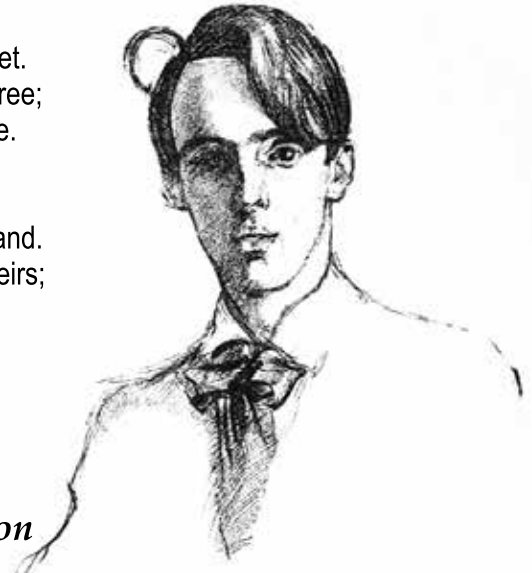
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Down by the Salley Gardens

Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet;
She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.
She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;
But I, being young and foolish, with her would not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand,
And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.
She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs;
But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.



Down by the Salley Gardens

Down By the Salley Gardens - variation

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Written by the Irish poet W B Yeats in the 1880s, this famous poem was based upon an old song which he had heard sung, but could barely remember. "Salley" or "sally" is a form of "sallow," which is the willow tree. The tune is called The Moorlough Shore, and was paired with Yeats's poem by Herbert Hughes in 1909.