

The Irish Collection



song air

Down by the Salley Gardens (traditional)

Musical score for mandolin in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: D A7 G D G A7 D

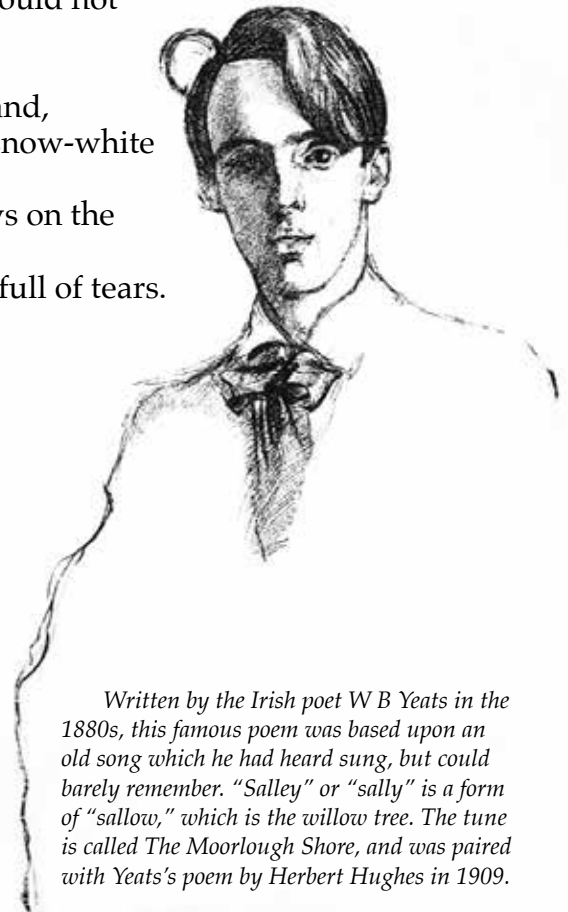
System 2: D G A Bm G D

System 3: D A7 G D G A7 D

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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.



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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.