## The Irish Collection



Down by the Salley Gardens (traditional)

song air



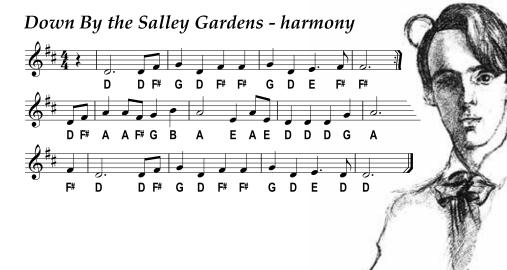




## Down by the Salley Gardens

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 - variation



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

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