

The Irish Collection



The Whistling Gypsy (Leo Maguire)

C G7 Em Am C F C F C G7

1 The gypsy rover come over the hill, down in the valley so sha - dy,
 He whistled and he sang 'til the greenwoods rang,
 And he won the heart of a la - a - a - dy.

Ch C G7 C G7 C G7 C G7 C
 Ah-de-doo, ah-de-doo-da-day, ah-de-doo, ah-de-day - dee, He whistled and
 G7 Em Am C F C F C G7
 he sang 'til the greenwoods rang, and he won the heart of a la - a - a - dy.

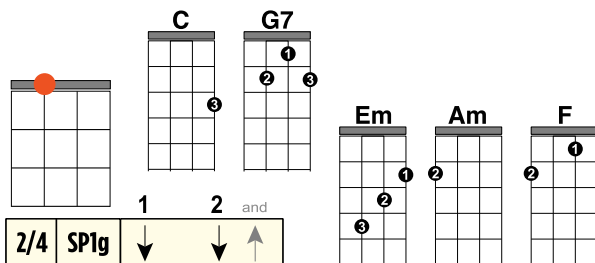
2 C G7 C G7 C G7 C G7
 She left her father's castle gates, she left her own fond lo - ver,
 C G7 Em Am C F C F C G7
 She left her servants and her state to follow the gypsy ro - o - o - ver. **[Chorus]**

3 C G7 C G7 C G7 C G7 C
 Her father saddled up his fastest steed, roamed the valleys all o - ver, sought
 G7 Em Am C F C F C G7
 his daughter at great speed and the whistling gypsy ro - o - o - ver. **[Chorus]**

4 C G7 C G7 C G7 C G7 C
 He came at last to a mansion fine, down by the river Clay-dee, And there was
 G7 Em Am C F C F C G7
 music and there was wine, for the gypsy and his la-a-a-dy. **[Chorus]**

5 C G7 C G7 C G7 C G7 C
 "He is no gypsy, my father," she said, "But lord of these lands all o - ver,
 C G7 Em Am C F C F C G7
 And I shall stay 'til my dying day with my whistling gypsy ro - o - o - ver.

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 he sang 'til the greenwoods rang, and he won the heart of a la - a - a - dy.



Written by Irish singer Leo Maguire in the early 1950s, although based upon a story known in many very old traditional ballads and folksongs. Lots of acts have recorded versions of the songs, including The Corrie Folk trio, The Clancy brothers, and Jim MacLeod.

