

The Irish Collection



song air

The Leaving of Liverpool (traditional)

Musical notation for 'The Leaving of Liverpool' in D major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are as follows:

Line 1: D E F# A G F# E D D B A D E F# A B A E

Line 2: D E F# A G F# E D D B A D E F# A A F# E D D

Line 3: C# D E C# A E D B A D F# A A B A G F# E

Line 4: A A G F# F# A G F# E D D B A D E F# A A F# E D D

1. Farewell to Prince's landing stage,
River Mersey fare thee well.
I am bound for Cal - i - for - ni - ay,
A place I know right well.

Chorus: So fare you well my own true love,
When I return, united we will be.
It's not the leaving of Liverpool that grieves me,
But my darling when I think of thee.

2. I've shipped on a Yankee sailing ship,
Davy Crockett is her name,
And Burgess is the captain of her,
And they say she is a floating shame. **[Chorus]**

3. Oh the sun is on the harbor, love,
And I wish I could remain,
For I know it will be a long long time,
Before I see you again. **[Chorus]**

A popular singalong folk song which has been heard in folk clubs across the country since the 1960s. The Dubliners contributed to its popularity.



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