

The Burns Collection



A Rosebud By My Early Walk (traditional)

song air

Chords: D D G D Em A⁷

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. Below it is a ukulele tablature staff with strings labeled T (top), A, B, and B. The notes in the treble staff are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. The corresponding tablature notes are: 0, 2, 0, 2, 3, 0, 5, 5, 4, 0, 2, 4, 5, 0, 3, 2, 0, 2, 2, 1.

Chords: D D G A⁷ D

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, G4. The tablature notes are: 0, 2, 0, 2, 3, 0, 5, 5, 4, 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 5, 4, 5, 2.

Chords: Bm D G D Em A⁷

The third system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, G4. The tablature notes are: 5, 9, 9, 7, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 0, 2, 4, 5, 0, 3, 2, 0, 2, 2, 1.

Chords: Bm D A⁷ G A⁷ D

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, G4. The tablature notes are: 0, 9, 9, 7, 5, 4, 5, 7, 5, 4, 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 5, 4, 5, 2.

A Rosebud By My Early Walk

A Rose-bud by my early walk,
 Adown a corn-enclosed baw,
 Sae gently bent its thorny stalk,
 All on a dewy morning.
 Ere twice the shades o' dawn are fled,
 In a' its crimson glory spread,
 And drooping rich the dewy head,
 It scents the early morning.

Burns wrote this song about Miss Cruikshanks, the daughter of William Cruikshanks, in whose house Burns stayed while he was in Edinburgh in 1787. The original air was different, but in the mid-18th century it was supplanted by a setting of The Shepherd's Wife, to which it is sung today.



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