

# Nigel Gatherer's Irish Collection



## The Spinning Wheel (John Francis Waller)

song air

Musical score for mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff showing fret numbers. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff.

System 1: G G G D7 D7 D7

System 2: D7 G G G C G C

System 3: G D7 G G G D D7

System 4: D7 D7 D G G G7

System 5: C G D7 G D7 G

## The Spinning Wheel

Mellow the moonlight to shine is beginning,  
Close by the window young Eileen is spinning,  
Bent o'er the fire her blind grandmother sitting  
Is crooning and moaning and drowsily knitting.

Merrily, cheerily, noiselessly whirring,  
Swings the wheel, spins the wheel  
While the foot's stirring;  
Spritely and lightly and merrily ringing  
Trills the sweet voice of the  
Young maiden singing.

First published in 1884, this song was written by the Irish poet John Francis Waller (1809-1894). It's unknown where the melody came from, but one theory is his friend Robert Prescott Stewart.



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