

# Nigel Gatherer's Irish Collection



## The Spinning Wheel (John Francis Waller)

song air

Musical notation for 'The Spinning Wheel' in G major, 3/4 time. The notes and their corresponding chords are as follows:

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

Line 2: F# A D F# A C C B D B C

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

Line 4: A D A B G B B B G G G D G B

Line 5: D C A A A F# F# F# D F# A C B

Line 6: D D D B C D E C E D B

Line 7: C C C A A D A D A B 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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