

The English Collection



Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes (traditional)

Musical score for mandolin in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin tablature staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, A7, G, and D.

System 1: Treble clef notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Tablature: 4 4 4 5 5 | 0 5 4 2 4 5 | 0 0 5 4 2 | 0

System 2: Treble clef notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Tablature: 4 4 4 5 5 | 0 5 4 2 4 5 | 0 0 5 4 2 | 0 0

System 3: Treble clef notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Tablature: 0 0 4 0 5 0 | 0 4 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 5 4 | 4 2

System 4: Treble clef notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Tablature: 4 4 4 5 5 | 0 5 4 2 4 5 | 0 0 5 4 2 | 0

Drink to Me Only

Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Or leave a kiss but in the cup,
And I'll not look for wine.
The thirst that from the soul doth rise
Doth ask a drink divine;
But might I of Jove's nectar sup,
I would not change for thine.

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The words of this song were written by the English playwright Ben Jonson (1572-1637) as a poem called To Celia. The origin of the tune is unknown, but dates from the late 18th century.