

Danny Boy

Lyrics

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow
'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

And if you come, when all the flowers are dying
And I am dead, as dead I well may be
You'll come and find the place where I am lying
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.

And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me
And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be
If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me
I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

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Origin of the Song Danny Boy

The famous song 'Danny Boy' is one of over 100 songs composed to the same tune with the famous lyrics penned by an English Lawyer!

Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929), lawyer, songwriter and entertainer wrote the lyrics to Danny Boy in 1910 but only used the now familiar tune 'Londonderry Air' in 1912.

It was republished in 1913. Weatherly collaborated with Alfred Perceval Graves, but the two fell out when Graves claimed that his companion stole some of the lyrics that Graves had written for the song. The tune was also known as the 'Air from County Derry'.

The earliest recorded appearance of the music in print was in 1855 in 'Ancient Music of Ireland' by George Petrie (1789-1866), when it was given to Petrie by Jane Ross of Limavady in County Derry, who claimed to have copied the tune from an itinerant piper.

This is the most famous Irish song and became popular in America where it was recorded by Bing Crosby, Mario Lanza and many others. Danny Boy has been used by many Irish folk, traditional and rock musicians ever since. The famous Irish rock band, Thin Lizzy, re-imagined the music on their 1979 album, 'Black Rose'.

Danny Boy remains as one of the most popular and well-known Irish love songs of all time.

Lidtekst

Oy Dovidl, di fidls, di fidls shpiln
Fun tol tsu tol, un fun dem barg arop
Der zumer geyt un ale blumen shtarbn
Un ven du geyst, muz ikh dir lozn op.

Ober kum tsurik ven zumer kumt sheyn vayter
Oder ven shney vet lign afn feld,
Ikh vel zayn do in vinter oder zumer
Oy Dovidl, du bist far mir der bester in der velt.

Un oyb du kumst, ven ale blumen shtarbn
Un ikh bin toyt vi toyt ikh ken zayn
Ven du gefinst mir, zog far mir a brokhe fayn
Un trink far mir a gute glezl vayn.

Un khvel dir hern, khotsh veykh ir tret iber mir
Un ale mayne khaloymes zenen vegn dir,
Oyb du vest dertseyln mir az du libst mir
Khvel in sholem shlofn biz du kumst tsu mir.

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Jews in Ireland

First reference is in 1079

First synagogue founded in 1660 near Dublin Castle
A bill was introduced in the Irish House of Commons for naturalizing persons professing the Jewish religion in Ireland" in 1746.

Irish Marriage Act of 1844 expressly made provision for marriages according to Jewish rites.

Population	1871	258
	1881	453
	1901	3771
	1904	4800
Maximum in	1950s	5500
	2016	2500

Famous Irish Jews

Sir Otto Jaffe, Lord Mayor of Belfast (1899 and 1904)

Ellen Cuffe (Countess of Desart), a Jew, was appointed for a 12-year term to the Irish Senate in 1922. She sat as an independent member until her death in 1933. She was an advocate for the Irish language and was President of the Gaelic League.

Robert Briscoe, member of the Irish Republican Army during the Anglo-Irish War and twice Lord Mayor of Dublin (1956 and 1961)

Chaim Herzog, sixth President of Israel and British World War II veteran. During and after his service in the British Army, he was also known as "Vivian Herzog" ("Vivian" being the English equivalent of the Hebrew name "Chaim".)