

Key of E Minor

Star of the County Down

Traditional Irish

The musical score is written in E minor (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. Each staff contains a sequence of notes with fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 1, 2, and 3 above the notes. The melody is a traditional Irish tune. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (2), A4 (0), B4 (1), C5 (1), D5 (1), E5 (0), F#5 (1), G5 (3), A5 (3), B5 (0), C6 (3), D6 (0).

Near to Banbridge town in the County Down, one morning in July
Down a boreen green came a sweet colleen and she smiled as she passed me by
She looked so neat from her two white feet to the sheen of her nut brown hair
Sure the coaxing elf, I'd to shake myself, to make sure I was standing there.

From Bantry Bay up to Derry Quay and from Galway to Dublin town No maid I've seen like the sweet colleen that I met in the County Down

As she onward sped, sure I shook my head and I gazed with a feeling quare
And I said, says I, to a passer by, who's the maid with the nut brown hair?
He smiled at me and with pride says he, that's the gem of Ireland's crown
She's young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann, she's the star of the County Down.

She'd a soft brown eye and a look so sly and a smile like the rose in June
And you held each note from her lily white throat, as she lilted an Irish tune
At the pattern dance you were in a trance as she tripped through a jig or reel
When her eyes she'd roll she would lift your soul as your heart she would likely steal

At the harvest fair she'll be surely there and I'll dress in my Sunday clothes
With my shoes shon bright and my hat cocked riight for a smile from the nut brown Rose
No pipe I smoke, no horse I'll yoke, let my plough with the rust turn brown
Till a smiling bride by my own fireside sits the star of the County Down.