

The Diamonds of Derry

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The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'The Diamonds of Der - ry look drear - y to day Since my true love Jim - mie has gone far a - way. He has gone to old Eng - land some rich la - dy to see. May the heav - ens shine up - on him, bring him safe back to me.'

The first time you courted me was in yonder green wood
Where the pinks and the daisies grew around where we stood.
You told me you loved me above all womankind,
Pray tell me the reason why you've changed your mind.

The next time you courted me, it is very well known,
It was in my father's garden in the county Tyrone.
With your arms twined about me to keep me from the wind,
It was there you deluded that fond heart of mine.

Oh, Jimmie, dear Jimmie, do you remember the day
You tapped on my window and we went far away?
Over lowlands and highlands together we did roam.
Oh, why did you leave me in sorrow to mourn?

Oh, Jimmie, dear Jimmie, I have no more to say.
Perhaps we will both be judged upon the same day,
Perhaps we will both be judged and condemned you will be
For the lies and false promises you have made unto me.

Note: I have never heard this song outside of my own family. Mother used to sing it and the words were sent to me by my Cousin Bessie.