



# Down by the Sally Gardens

Traditional  
Irish Folk Tune

Arranged by Peter Dyson  
for SATB & Accordion  
2010

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*The Maids of the Mourne Shore*  
collected in Ballosodare, Country Sligo  
and first set by  
Herbert Hughes (1882 -1937) in 1909

Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet;  
She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.  
She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;  
But I was young and foolish, with her did not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand,  
And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.  
She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs;  
But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

WB Yeats  
1889

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Traditional tune - The Maids of the Mourne Shore -  
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W B Yeats 1889  
(1865-1939)

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**Gently**  
(♩=55)

Accordian

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

*p* *p* *p*

mmm ah lah

mmm ah lah

mmm ah

mmm ah

6

Acc.

S.

A.

T.

B.

*p* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

It was down by the Sal-ly Gar - dens my\_

It was down by Sal-ly Gar-dens

lah Down Sal-ly Gar-dens

lah Down Sal-ly Gar-dens

11

Acc.

S.  
love and I did meet. She passed the Sal - ly Gar - dens with lit - tle snow-white

A.  
love and I did meet. Sal - ly Gar - dens with lit - tle snow-white

T.  
my love did meet. Sal - ly Gar - dens with lit - tle snow-white

B.  
my love did meet. Sal - ly Gar - dens with lit - tle snow-white



16

Acc.

S.  
feet. She bid me take love ea - sy, as the leaves grow up on the tree. But

A.  
feet. me take love - ea - sy, leaves grow on the tree,

T.  
feet. me take love ea - sy, on the tree,

B.  
feet. me take love ea - sy, on the tree,

21

Acc.

S.

I was young and foo - lish and with her did not a - gree.

A.

I was young and foo - lish and did not a - gree.

T.

I was young and foo - lish and did not a - gree.

B.

I was foo-lish and did not a - gree.



26

Acc.

S.

*p*  
In a field down by the ri - ver my

A.

*p*  
In a field down by the ri - ver my

T.

*p*  
In a field down by the ri - ver my

B.

*p*  
In a field down by the ri - ver my

31

Acc.

S.  
love and I did stand, And on my lea-ning shoul-der, she laid her snow-white

A.  
love and I did stand, on my lea-ning shoul-der, she laid her snow-white

T.  
love and I did stand, on my lea-ning shoul-der, she laid her snow-white

B.  
love and I did stand, on my lea-ning shoul-der, she laid her snow-white



36

Acc.

S.  
hand. She bid me take life ea-sy, as the grass grows on the weirs, But

A.  
hand. Take life ea-sy, as grass grows,

T.  
hand. Take life ea-sy, as grass grows,

B.  
hand. Take life ea-sy, as grass grows

41

Acc.

S. I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

A. I was foolish, and now, full of tears.

T. I was foolish, and now, full of tears.

B. I was foolish, and now, full of tears.



45

Acc.

S. mmm ah

A. mmm ah

T. mmm ah

B. mmm ah

50

Acc. *p* *p* *mf*

S. *p* *mf*  
lah It was

A. *p* *mf*  
lah It was

T. *mf*  
lah

B. *mf*  
lah



55

Acc.

S. *mf*  
down by the Sal-ly Gar - dens my love and I did meet. She passed the Sal - ly

A. *mf*  
down by Sal-ly Gar-dens love and I did meet. Sal - ly

T. *mf*  
Down Sal-ly Gar-dens my love did meet. Sal - ly

B. *mf*  
Down Sal-ly Gar-dens my love did meet. Sal - ly



60

Acc.

S.  
Gar - dens with lit - tle\_snow-white feet. She bid me\_take love ea - sy, as the

A.  
Gar-dens with lit - tle snow-white feet.\_ me take love - ea - sy,

T.  
8 Gar-dens with lit - tle snow-white feet.\_\_\_\_ me take love ea - sy,

B.  
Gar - dens with lit - tle snow-white feet. me take love ea - sy,



65

Acc.

S.  
leaves grow up- on\_\_ the tree. But\_\_\_\_ I was young and\_ foo - lish and with

A.  
leaves grow on the tree,\_\_\_\_\_ I was young and foo - lish

T.  
8 on the\_\_\_\_ tree, I was young and foo - lish and

B.  
on the tree, I was foo - lish and

69

Acc.

S.

her did not a - gree.

A.

and did not a - gree.

T.

did not a - gree.

B.

did not a - gree.