

THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME

anon

D Bm7 - G D D  
 THE DAMES OF FRANCE ARE FOND AND FREE AND FLEMISH LIPS ARE WILLING  
 Bm7 Bm - G A7 D  
 AND SOFT THE MAIDS OF ITALY, AND SPANISH EYES ARE THRILLING  
 D D D - Em/B E7 - A  
 STILL THOUGH I BASK BENEATH THEIR SMILE, THEIR CHARMS FAIL TO BIND ME  
 D - F# Bm - G A7 D D  
 AND MY HEART FALLS BACK TO ERIN'S ISLE, TO THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME

D Bm7 - G D D  
 FOR SHE'S AS FAIR AS SHANNON'S SIDE AND PURER THAN ITS WATER  
 Bm7 Bm - G A7 D  
 BUT SHE REFUSED TO BE MY BRIDE THOUGH MANY A YEAR I SOUGHT HER  
 D D D - Em/B E7 - A  
 YET SINCE TO FRANCE I SAILED AWAY HER LETTERS OFT REMIND ME  
 D - F# Bm - G A7 D D  
 THAT I PROMISED NEVER TO GAIN-SAY THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME

D Bm7 - G D D  
 SHE SAYS, "MY OWN DEAR LOVE, COME HOME, MY FRIENDS ARE RICH AND MANY  
 Bm7 Bm - G A7 D  
 OR ELSE ABROAD WITH YOU I'LL ROAM A SOLDIER STOUT AS ANY  
 D D D - Em/B E7 - A  
 IF YOU'LL NOT COME, NOR LET ME GO, I'LL THINK YOU HAVE RESIGNED ME"  
 D - F# Bm - G A7 D D  
 MY HEART NIGH BROKE WHEN I ANSWERED "NO" TO THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME

D Bm7 - G D D  
 FOR NEVER SHALL MY TRUE LOVE BRAVE A LIFE OF WAR AND TOILING  
 Bm7 Bm - G A7 D  
 AND NEVER AS A SKULKING SLAVE I'LL TREAD MY NATIVE SOIL ON  
 D D D - Em/B E7 - A  
 BUT WERE IT FREE OR TO BE FREED, THE BATTLE'S CLOSE WOULD FIND ME  
 D - F# Bm - G A7 D D  
 TO IRELAND BOUND, NOR MESSAGE NEED FROM THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME