

Down By the Sally Gardens

William Butler Yeats, 1889

Folk tune

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. Down by the Sal - ly gar - dens, my love and I did meet. She
passed the Sal - ly gar - dens with lit - tle snow white feet. She bid me take love
ea - sy, As the leaves grow on the tree. But
I, be - ing young and fool - ish, With her did not a - gree.

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2. In a field down 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.