**Star Of The County Down**

key:G, artist:The Chieftans writer:Traditional Tune, Cathal MacGarvey lyrics

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Thanks to Susan McCarthy

In [Em] Banbridge Town in the [G] County [D] Down

One [Em] morning [C] last [D] July

From a [Em] boreen green came a [G] sweet col-[D]leen

And she [Em] smiled as she [D] passed me [Em] by.

She [G] looked so sweet from her [D] two bare feet

To the [Em] sheen of her [C] nut-brown [D] hair

Such a [Em] coaxing elf, sure I [G] shook my [D] self

For to [Em] see I was [D] really [Em] there

From [G] Bantry Bay up to [D] Derry Quay and

From [Em] Galway to [C] Dublin [D] Town

No [Em] maid I’ve seen like the [G] brown col-[D]leen

That I [Em] met on the [D] County [Em] Down

As she [Em] onward sped, sure I [G] scratched my [D] head,

And I [Em] looked with a [C] feelin’ [D] rare,

And I [Em] says, I to a [G] passer [D] by

Who’s the [Em] maid with the [D] nut-brown [Em] hair

He [G] smiled and me and he [D] says, says he

“That’s the [Em] gem of [C] Ireland’s [D] crown.

Young [Em] Rosie McCann from the [G] banks of the [D] Bann,

She’s the [Em] Star of the [D] County [Em] Down.”

From [G] Bantry Bay up to [D] Derry Quay and

From [Em] Galway to [C] Dublin [D] Town

No [Em] maid I’ve seen like the [G] brown col-[D]leen

That I [Em] met on the [D] County [Em] Down

At the [Em] Harvest Fair, she’ll [G] surely be [D] there

And I’ll [Em] dress in my [C] Sunday [D] clothes,

With my [Em] shoes shone bright and my [G] hat cocked [D] right

For a [Em] smile from my [D] nut brown [Em] rose.

No [G] pipe I’ll smoke, no [D] horse I’ll yoke

Til my [Em] plough turns a [C] rust-coloured [D] brown.

Til a [Em] smiling bride by my [G] own [D] fireside

Sits the [Em] Star of the [D] County [Em] Down

From [G] Bantry Bay up to [D] Derry Quay and

From [Em] Galway to [C] Dublin [D] Town

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That I [Em] met on the [D] County [Em] Down