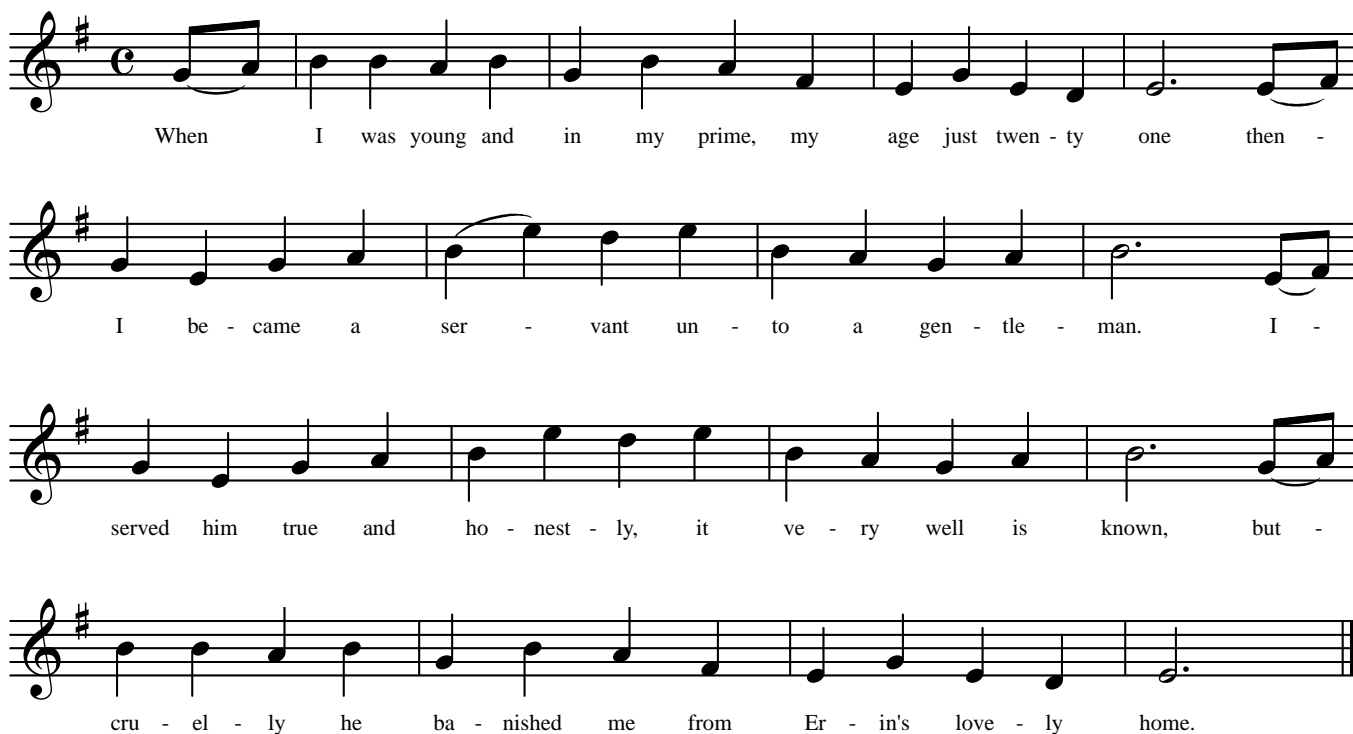


25b Erin's Lovely Home - Mr Chesson



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1
When I was young and in my prime, my age just twenty-one,
then I became a servant unto a gentleman.
I served him true and honestly, it very well is known,
but cruelly he banished me from Erin's lovely home.

2
The reason he did banish me, I mean to let you hear,
I own I loved his daughter, and she loved me as dear.
She had a heavy fortune, but riches I had none,
and that's the reason I must go from Erin's lovely home.

3
It was in her father's garden all in the month of June,
when viewing of those flowers all in their youthful bloom.
She said, 'My dearest William, if with me you will roam,
we will bid adieu to all our friends and Erin's lovely home.'

4
That very night I gave consent along with her to go
from her father's dwelling place which proved my overthrow.
The night being bright by moonlight we both set off alone,
thinking we'd both get safe away from Erin's lovely home.

5
When we came to Belfast by the breaking of day,
my true love she got ready our passage for to pay.
Five thousand pound she counted down saying, 'This shall be
your own,
but never mourn for those you've left in Erin's lovely home.'

6
But of our great misfortune I mean to let you hear,
it was a few hours after her father did appear
and marched me back to Omer gaol in the county of Tyrone,
and there to be transported from Erin's lovely home.

7
Now when I heard my sentence, it grieved my heart full sore,
and parting from my own true love, it grieved me ten times
more.
I had seven links all on my chain, and every link a year
before I can return again to the arms of my dear.

8
Before the rout came to the gaol, to take us all away,
my love she came to visit me and these words she did say;
'Bear up your heart, don't be dismayed, I will not you disown
until you do return again to Erin's lovely home.'