

## Celtic Folk

### "The Nightingale"

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THE NIGHTINGALE

C G7 C

As I was a walking and a rambling on day,

G7

I spied a young couple so fondly did stray.

C G7

And one was a young maide, so sweet and so fair,

C F G7 C

And the other one was a soldier and a brave Grenadier.

CHORUS:

C F G7 C

And they kissed so sweet and comforting as they clung  
to each other.

C G7

They went arm and arm down the road like sister and  
brother.

C G7

They went arm and arm down the road till they came to  
a stream,

C F G7 C

and they both sat down together, love, to hear the  
nightingale sing.

C G7 C

Then out of his knapsack he drew a fine fiddle.

C G7

And he played her such merry tunes that you ever did hear.

C G7

And he played her such merry tunes that the valleys did ring.

C F G7 C

"Oh", softly cried the fair maide, "hear the Nightingale sing."

Cho.

C G7 C

"Oh", then said the fair maide, "won't you merry me?"

G7

"Oh no", said the soldier, "however could that be?"

C G7

"For I've me own wife at home in the old country,"

C F G7 C

"And she is the fairest little thing that you ever did see."

Cho.

C G7 C

"Now I'm off to India for several long years,"

C G7

"Drinkin' Wine and strong whiskey instead of pale beer."

C G7

"But if ever I return again, it will be in the spring,"

C F G7 C

"And we'll both sit down together, Love, to hear the  
Nightingale sing.

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