

The Corries "Loch Lomond"

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Notes: This song is often played jauntily and used as a representatively Scottish tune

particularly in

films and computer games (Lemmings 2 for example)

It deserves better. The song is a lament for a lost love

killed in battle. He will now take the "high road" (in heaven) while Moira (his love) stays on the "low road."

They will never meet again in this life

but they will

some day meet again

far above the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

O wither away my bonnie May (which direction) Sae late
an' sae far in the gloamin' (so far in the dusk) The mist
gather grey o'er moorland and brae (hill) O wither sae
far are ye roamin'?

Chorus:

O ye'll tak the high road an' I'll tak the low I'll be in
Scotland afore ye For me and my true love will never
meet again By the bonnie banks o' Loch
Lomond

I trusted my ain love last night in the broom (own)
(bush) My Donald wha' loves me sae dearly For the
morrow he will march for Edinburgh toon (town) Tae
fecht for his King and Prince Charlie (to fight)

O well may I weep for yestreen in my sleep (well)
(yesterday) we stood bride and bridegroom together
But his arms and his breath were as cold as the death
And his heart's blood ran red in the heather

(chorus)

As dauntless in battle as tender in love He'd yield ne'er
a foor toe the foeman (enemy) But never again frae the
field o' the slain (from) Tae his Moira will he come by
Loch Lomond

The thistle may bloom, the King hae his ain (have his

own) And fond lovers may meet in the gloamin' And
me and my true love will yet meet again Far above the
bonnie banks of Loch Lomond

(chorus)

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