

## Chieftains

### "The Star Of The County Down"

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Near to Banbridge Town, in the County Down  
One morning in July,  
Down a breen green came a sweet colleen,  
And she smiled as she passed me by;  
Oh, she looked so neat from her two white feet  
To the sheen of her nut-brown hair,  
Sure the coaxing elf, I'd to shake myself  
To make sure I was standing there  
Oh, from Bantry Bay up to Derry Quay,  
And from Galway to Dublin town,  
No maid I've seen like the brown colleen  
That I met in the County Down.  
As she onward sped I shook my head  
And I gazed with a feeling quare,  
And I said, says I, to a passer-by,  
"Who's the maid with the nut-brown hair?"  
Oh, he smiled at me, and with pride says he,  
"That's the gem of Ireland's crown,  
She's young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann,  
She's the Star of the County Down."  
I've travelled a bit, but never was hit  
Since my roving career began;  
But fair and square I surrendered there  
To the charms of young Rose McCann.  
I'd a heart to let and no tenant yet  
Did I meet with in shawl or gown,  
But in she went and I asked no rent  
From the Star of the County Down.  
At the crossroads fair I'll be surely there  
And I'll dress in my Sunday clothes  
And I'll try sheep's eyes, and deludhering lies  
On the heart of the nut-brown Rose.  
No pipe I'll smoke, no horse I'll yoke  
Though with rust my plow turns brown,  
Till a smiling bride by my own fireside  
Sits the Star of the County Down.

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