



Down by the Salley Gardens

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This poem by Yeats was first published in the volume *Crossways* in 1889 and is sometimes printed with the title *An Old Song Resung*. Herbert Hughes, the eminent folk-song scholar, set it to this old air. A salley is a willow tree.

the song
below

Andante

D A7 G D G D A9

Down_ by the_ sal - ley_ gar - dens my_ love and_ I did

D A7 D Bm D

meet; She_ passed the_ sal - ley_ gar - dens with_

G D A9 D Bm

lit - tle_ snow - white feet. She bid me_ take love

F#m Dm

eas - y, as the leaves grow_ on_ the_ tree; But_

D9 G D G D A9 D

I, be-ing young and_ fool - ish, with_ her did_ not a - gree.

Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet;
 She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.
 She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;
 But I, being young and foolish, with her did not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand,
 And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.
 She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs;
 But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

