

I Know Where I'm Going

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "I Know Where I'm Going". The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff contains five measures with chords G, Bm, G, C, and D7. The second staff contains five measures with chords G, Bm, G, Am, and D7. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Refrain

I know where I'm goin'
And I know who's goin' with me.
I know who I love
But the devil knows who I'll marry.

1. I have stockings of silk
And shoes of bright green leather,
Combs to buckle my hair
And a ring for every finger.

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2. Feather beds are soft
And painted rooms are bonnie,
But I would give them all
For my handsome, winsome Johnny.

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3. Some say that he's poor,
But I say that he's bonnie.
The fairest of them all
Is my handsome, winsome Johnny.

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"I Know Where I'm Going" is a traditional Irish (or Scottish) ballad about a wealthy love-struck young woman pining for her "bonnie" lover Johnny who some say has a bad reputation. It has been known since the early nineteenth century.

It is in the **Roud Folk Song Index** as #5701.

It was printed in Colum's **Broad-Sheet Ballads**, Kane's **Songs & Sayings of an Ulster Childhood** (1983), Soodlum's **Irish ballad Book**, (1982), Walton's **New Treasury of Irish Songs & Ballads 2** (1966) and Walton's **132 Best Irish Songs & Ballads** (c1950).

It was recorded by Burl Ives on **Okeh Presents the Wayfaring Stranger**, Kathleen Ferrier, Odetta, The Weavers, The Clancy Brothers, Judy Collins, Barbara Dane, The Highwaymen, The New Christy Minstrels, Harry Belafonte, Carolyn Hester, Laura Wright, Pete Seeger and others.