

Amelia Earhart's Last Flight

Dave McEnery

Verse

A A7 D6

1 2

A E7

Chorus

A D A

A7 AM7 E A

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1. A ship out on the ocean, just a speck against the sky,
Amelia Earhart flying that sad day;
With her partner, Captain Noonan, on the second of
July
Her plane fell in the ocean, far away.
Chorus:
There's a beautiful, beautiful field
Far away in a land that is fair.
Happy landings to you, Amelia Earhart
Farewell, first lady of the air.
2. She radioed position and she said that all was well,
Although the fuel within the tanks was low.
But they'd land on Howland Island to refuel her
monoplane,
Then on their trip around the world they'd go.
Chorus
3. Well, a half an hour later an SOS was heard,
The signal weak, but still her voice was brave.
Oh, in shark-infested waters her plane went
down that night
In the blue Pacific to a watery grave.
Chorus
4. Well, now you have heard my story of that
awful tragedy,
We pray that she might fly home safe again.
Oh, in years to come though others blaze a trail
across the sea,
We'll ne'er forget Amelia and her plane.
Chorus

"Amelia Earhart's Last Flight" is a song written by Red River Dave McEnery shortly after Amelia Earhart's disappearance. It has been believed to be the first song ever performed on commercial television (at the 1939 World's Fair). It was copyrighted in 1939, and was first performed by David McEnery on a pioneer television broadcast from the 1939 New York World's Fair. It was recorded by McEnery in 1941. It has maintained continued popularity since then, including covers by artists including Kinky Friedman, The Greenbriar Boys, The Country Gentlemen and the New Lost City Ramblers.

It was printed in Alan Lomax, Robert Shelton & Nat Hentoff's **Young Folk Song Book** (1963).

I learned it from The Greenbriar Boys and The New Lost City Ramblers.