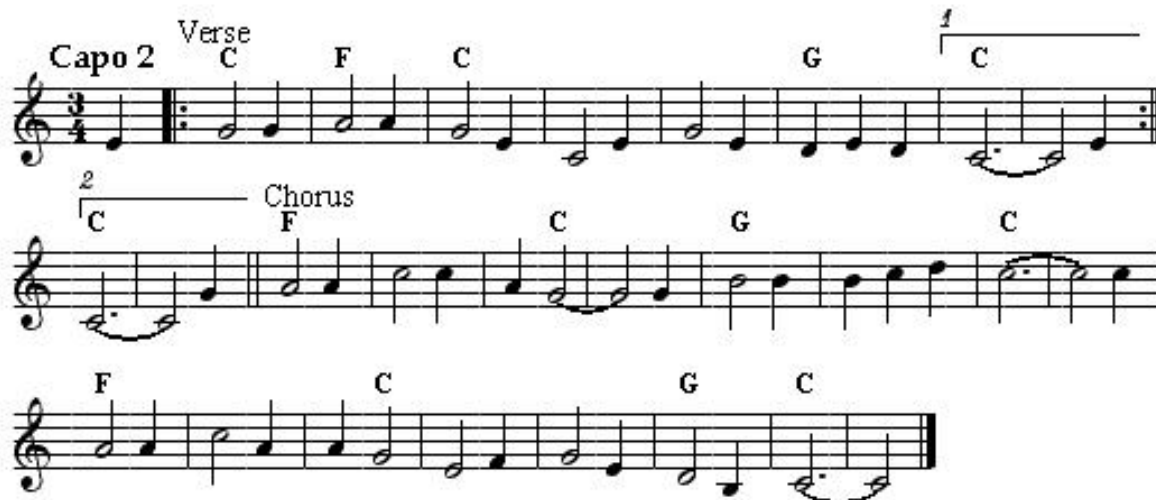


# The Storms Are On the Ocean

Carter Family



1. I'm going away for to leave you, love  
I'm going away for a while.  
But I'll return to you some time  
If I go ten thousand miles.

## Chorus:

The storms are on the ocean  
The heavens may cease to be.  
The world may lose its motion, love  
If I prove false to thee.

2. Now who will shoe your pretty little foot?  
And who will glove your hand?  
Who will kiss your red rosy lips  
When I'm in the foreign land?  
Chorus

3. Poppa gonna shoe my pretty little foot,  
Momma gonna glove my hand.  
And you will kiss my red rosy lips  
When you return again.  
Chorus

4. O don't you see that pretty little dove  
That flies from pine to pine.  
He's mourning for his own true love  
Just like I mourn for mine.  
Chorus

5. I'll never go back on the ocean, love.  
I'll never go back on th sea.  
I'll never go back on the blue-eyed girl  
'Less she goes back on me.  
Chorus

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"The Storms Are on the Ocean" was sung by The Carter Family at the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings. It was published by Ralph Peer's Southern Music Publishing Company in the Carter Family songbook **Album of Smoky Mountain Ballads** (1927). This is another one of the "who's gonna shoe your foot ..." songs which go all the way back to the Scottish ballad of **Lord Gregory**. In this collection these include:

"I Truly Understand"

"Who's Gonna Shoe Your Pretty Little Foot"  
and Woody Guthrie's "**Hard, Ain't It Hard**".

I like to do this in D with the guitar capoed up 2. When I sing it with the autoharp, I play and sing in C. I usually perform this with autoharp.

Other songs sung by the Carter Family in this collection are:

"The Cannonball"

"Gold Watch and Chain"

"Sailor on the Deep Blue Sea".