

Greensleeves

16th/17th century

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff.

A - las, my love, you do me wrong to_ cast me off dis-
cour-teos-ly; and I have lov-ed you so long de - light-ing
in your com-pa-ny. Green-sleeves was all my joy,—
Green-sleeves was my de-light, Green-sleeves was my
heart of gold, and who but my la - dy_ Green-sleeves.

- 2 If you intend thus to disdain,
It does the more enrapture me,
And even so I still remain
A lover in captivity
Greensleeves was ...
- 3 Alas! my love, that you should own
A heart of wanton vanity;
So must I meditate alone
Upon your insincerity.
- 4 Greensleeves, now farewell adieu!
God I pray to prosper thee!
For I am still thy lover true;
Come once again and love me!

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Alas, my love,
you do me wrong
to cast me off discourteously;
And I have loved you so long,
delighting in your company.
Greensleeves was all my joy,
Greensleeves was my delight,
Greensleeves was my heart of gold,
and who
but my lady Greensleeves.

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If you intend thus to disdain,
It does the more enrapture me,
And even so I still remain
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16./17. Jahrhundert

Ach, mein Liebling,
du tust mir unrecht,
mich ungnädig abzuweisen.
Und ich habe dich so lange geliebt,
und mich erfreut an deiner Gesellschaft.
Greensleeves war meine ganze Freude,
Greensleeves war meine Wonne,
Greensleeves war mein Herz aus Gold,
und wer (anders)
als meine Lady Greensleeves.

Wenn du beabsichtigst, (mich) so
[zu verschmähen,
umso mehr reißt es mich hin,
und selbst so verbleibe ich stets
ein Liebender in Gefangenschaft.

Ach, mein Liebling,
dass du besitzt
ein Herz von leichtfertiger Eitelkeit,
so muss ich alleine nachsinnen
über deine Heuchelei.

Greensleeves,
nun lebe wohl! adieu!
Ich bete zu Gott,
dich zu segnen!
Denn ich bin immer noch
dein aufrichtiger Liebender.
Komme wieder zurück
und liebe mich!

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