



Danny Boy

**Oh Danny Boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side
The summer's gone, and all the roses falling
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.**

**But come ye back when summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow
It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow
Oh Danny Boy, oh Danny Boy, I love you so**

**But come ye back, and all the flowers are dying
If I am dead, as dead I well may be
Ye'll come and find the place where I am lying
And kneel and say an Ave there for me.**

**And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be,
For you'll will bend and tell me that you love me
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me.**

**Lyrics by: Frederick Edward Weatherly (1848-1929)
Sung by: John Gary (1932-1998)**

**"Danny Boy" is an Irish anthem set to the tune "Londonderry Air".
Frederick Weatherly, an English lawyer, wrote the lyrics for "Danny
Boy" in 1910,**

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**It was no surprise that Weatherly's lyrics had an immediate appeal and
went straight to the hearts of Irish people world-wide for Fred wrote
"Danny Boy" with a view to bringing both traditions together in
Ireland. In his autobiography, Piano and Gown (1926), he expressed the
hope that "Sinn Feiners and Ulstermen alike would sing his song". His
aspirations have come true for "Danny Boy" has become a neutral
symbol of belonging and has been accepted by all denominations.**