

# Down by the Salley Gardens



Benjamin Britten  
melody

Musical score for the melody of "Down by the Salley Gardens" in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor). The notes are quarter notes, and the melody is accompanied by a bass line of fingerings. Chords are indicated above the notes: C, G, F, C, F, G, C, C, G, F, C, F, G, C, C, Am, G, C, F, G, C, C, G, C.

Staff 1: C G F C F G C  
3 3 | 4 3 3 (2) (3) | (4) 5 6 5 | (4) 5 4 3 | 3 3 | 3 3

Staff 2: C G F C F G C  
4 3 3 (2) (3) | (4) 5 6 5 | (4) 5 4 3 | 3 3 | 5

Staff 3: C Am G C F G C  
6 5 (4) 6 | 6 5 4 5 | (4) 5 4 (3) 5 (5) 7 | 6 3 | 3

Staff 4: C G F C F G C  
4 3 3 (2) (3) | (4) 5 6 5 | (4) 5 4 3 | 3 3

Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet;  
She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.  
She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;  
But I, being young and foolish, with her would not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand,  
And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.  
She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs;  
But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.