

# Greensleeves (A minor / A dorian)

traditional English folk song. The tune is found in several late-16th-century and early-17th-century sources

**Instrumental Recordings:** Jeff Beck: *Truth* (1968); Acker Bilk: *Stranger on the Shore* (1980); Jeff Beck: *The Best of Jeff Beck* (1994); Kenny G: *Miracles - The Holiday Album* (1994); Bugge Wesseltoft: *It's Snowing on my Piano* (1997); Al Di Meola: *Winter Nights* (1999); Diane Schneider: *Harp of Hope* (2001); Phyllis Taylor Sparks: *Celtic Harp Sparks* (2003); David Nevue: *Sweet Dreams & Starlight* (2004); Francis Cutting & Göran Söllscher: *Deutsche Grammophon - 100 Meisterwerke der Klassik (Compilation)* (2006); Francis Cutting & Göran Söllscher: *A Baroque Guitar Weekend* (2006); Michele McLaughlin: *Christmas - Plain & Simple* (2006); Robin Meloy Goldsby: *Songs from the Castle* (2007); Philip Lester: *The Gourmet Guitar* (2007); Cherish the Ladies: *A Star in the East* (2009, jig version); Joseph Sullinger: *Classical Guitar Christmas Favorites* (2010); Laura Silberberg: *Harpe en Relaxation* (2013); Michael Hirte: *Gelacht, Geweint, Gelebt - 10 Jahre Michael Hirte* (2018); New York Guitar Company: *Guitar Classics for Classical Guitar, Vol. 2* (2019); Aron van Selm: *Winter's Tale* (2020); Francis Goya: *The Sweet Guitar of Francis Goya* (2020); Celestial Aeon Project: *Fantasy Realms* (2020); Kryptik Wood: *Black and Grey* (2021); Aarib Karget-Caplan: *A Guitar Holiday* (2021); Claus Egan: *A Calm Christmas* (2021); Xavier De Maistre: *Christmas Harp* (2021); Roddy Doyle Trio: *It's Christmas in New York* (2022); Claire Hamilton: *Peaceful Celtic Harp* (2022); Riyandi Kusuma: *Piano Collection, Vol. 9* (2023);

**Song Recordings:** Barbara Dane: *When I was a Young Girl* (1962); The Lords: *The Lords 1964-1971* (1972) Olivia Newton-John: *Come On Over* (1976); Loreena McKennitt: *The Visit* (1991); Heino: *30 Jahre Heino* (1995); Manfred Krug: *Greens / Du bist heute wie neu* (1995); Blackmore's Night: *Shadow of the Moon* (2000); Cian: *The Rolling Wave* (2001); Amy Nuttal: *Best Days* (2005); Søren Frieboe & Majbritte Ulrikkeholm: *Songs of the Earth* (2007); The King's Singers: *Simple Gifts* (2008); Nolwenn Leroy: *Bretonne* (2010); Michael Schulte: *My Christmas Classics* (2013); Sabine Murza: *Special Christmas Songs, Vol. 1 & 2* (2015); Peter Hollens: *Legendary Folk Songs* (2018); Fiddler's Green: *3 Cheers for 30 Years* (2020); Steff MacP: *Acoustic Tunes* (2021); Angelo Kelly: *Grace* (2023); Blackmore's Night: *Play Minstrel Play* (2023); Marianne Faithful: *Faithfully Yours* (2023)

1. Alas my love you do me wrong  
To cast me off discourteously;  
And I have loved you oh so long  
Delighting in your company.

Refrain:  
Greensleeves was my delight,  
Greensleeves my heart of gold  
Greensleeves was my heart of joy  
And who but my Lady Greensleeves.

2. I have been ready at your hand  
To grant whatever thou would'st crave;  
I have waged both life and land  
Your love and goodwill for to have.

Refrain

3. Thy petticoat of sendle white  
With gold embroidered gorgeously;  
Thy petticoat of silk and white  
And these I bought gladly.

Refrain