

The Old Claddagh Ring (G major)

The Ould Claddagh Ring / The Auld Claddagh Ring / The Claddagh Ring / My Claddagh Ring

Waltz / Song Air

traditional (Ireland)

♩ = 180

G C G G C G G D

0 2 4 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 2 3 0

DADGAD

G C G G C G D G

0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 0

G G Em C C G Em D

0 2 3 0 2 0 2 4 5 4 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 2 3 0

G C G G C G D G

0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 0

Variations:

G C G G C G G D

0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0

G C G G C G D G

0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 0

G G Em C C G Em D

0 2 3 0 2 0 2 4 5 4 5 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 0

G C G G C G D G

0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 5 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 0

1. The Old Claddagh Ring, it belonged to my granny
She wore it a lifetime, and gave it to me
All through the long years, she wore it so proudly
It was made where the Claddagh rolls down to the sea
What tales it could tell, of trials and of hardship
And of grand happy days, when the whole world did sing
So away with your sorrow, it will bring luck tomorrow
Sure everyone loves it, the Old Claddagh Ring

2. With the crown and the crest, to remind us of honour
And clasping the heart that God's blessing would bring
A circle of gold, always kept homes contented
With true love entwined in the Old Claddagh Ring
As she knelt at her prayers and thought of the dear ones
Her soft gentle smile, it would charm a king
On her worn hand, as she told me her story
You could see the bright glint of the Old Claddagh Ring

3. It was her gift to me, and it made me so happy
With this on my finger, my heart beats would ring
No king on his throne could be half so happy
As I am when wearing my Old Claddagh Ring
When the angels above call me up to heaven
In the heart of the Claddagh, their voices will sing
"Away with your sorrows, you'll be with us tomorrow,
Be sure and bring with you, the Old Claddagh Ring".

Discography:

Instrumental recordings:

1970s: Joe Cooley's Tapes
1994: An Teallach Ceilidh Band: A Ship in Full Sail
1988: McNamara's Band: Come into the Parlour
1991: Michael Feeney's Irish Band: The Music of Ireland
1995: Dick Black and his Band: Keep the Music Going
1996: Matt Cunningham: The Spirit of Ireland
2002: Dick Black and his Band: A Taste of Dick Black
2009: Shaun Kelly Ensemble: Celtic Tranquillity
2010: De Danann: Wonderwaltz
2014: Malachy Doris: The Best of Malachy Doris
2016: John Fiddy: Authentic Ireland I
2019: Kanako Machida & Brian McGrath: Bridging the Gap
2022: The Blackwater Céilí Band: Northern Landscape
2024: P.J. Hernon & Marcus Hernon: Ceiliúradh 50 Bliain

Song recordings:

1977: Margo: A Toast to Claddagh
1978: Kathleen Fitzgerald: The Hills of Donegal
1983: Noel Henry's Irish Showband: Our Lady of Knock
1994: The Shannon Singers: Golden Collection of Irish Songs
1995: The Sean O'Neill Band: 50 Popular Irish Songs
1996: Joe Heaney: Say a Song- Joe Heaney in the Pacific Northwest
1997: Dermot O'Brien: Where the three Counties Meet
2001: The Shannon Singers: The Fields of Athenry
2004: Joe McShane: Places, Thoughts and Feelings