

# The Old Claddagh Ring (G major)

traditional Irish Waltz and Song Air, played single or double

transcribed and arranged by Frank Weber, learned from De Danann's album

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

Song versions: Margo: *A Toast to Claddagh* (1977); Kathleen Fitzgerald: *The Hills of Donegal* (1978); Noel Henry's Irish Showband: *Our Lady of Knock* (1983); The Shannon Singers: *Golden Collection of Irish Songs* (1994); The Sean O'Neill Band: *50 Popular Irish Songs* (Compilation 1995); Joe Heaney: *Say a Song- Joe Heaney in the Pacific Norwest* (1996); Dermot O'Brien: *Where the three Counties Meet* (1997); The Shannon Singers: *The Fields of Athenry* (2001); Joe McShane: *Places, Thoughts and Feelings* (2004); Hugo Duncan: *Sweet Forget Me Not* (2005); Margo: *Two Sides of Margo* (2006); Dermot O'Brien: *Accordion Master* (2008); Brendan Clancy & Malachy Doris: *Irish Party Sing Song* (Compilation 2009); Hugo Duncan: *The Irish Collection* (2009); Dermot O'Brien: *All the Hits* (2012); Ann Williamson: *Golden Memories* (2012); Hugo Duncan: *By Special Request* (2013); The Corrib Folk: *Ramblin' Irishman* (2013); Shawn Cuddy: *Reflections* (2013); Connie Foley: *Isle of Innisfree* (2013); Sean Dunphy: *My Favourite Irish Songs* (2014); Kieran Boyle: *Auld Times* (2017); Donal O'Regan: *The Star of Donegal* (2019)

## Variations:

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".