

The Star of the County Down

Lyrics: Cathal McGarvey (1866–1927)

Music: Irish folksong
 arranger: Gwyn Arch

Deliberate ♩ = ca. 100

Rhythmic and brisk ♩ = ca. 144

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Piano

mf

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Ban - bridge town in the Coun on a - ning in Ju - ly, down a
 on - ward sped I shook my and I looked with feel - ing rare Then, "I

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een green me a sweet col - leen, and she smiled as she passed me
 I, to a pas - ser - by, "who's the maid with the nut - brown

bor - said", green can a sweet col - leen, and she smiled as she passed me
 I, to a pas - ser - by, "who's the maid with the nut - brown



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by. hair?" Oh, she looked so neat, from her two bare feet, to the
Well he smiled at me and with pride she said, "That's the

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sheen pride of her nut - brown hair. Such a coa - xim' elf sure I
pride of old Ire - land's crown. She's young Ro - sie Mc - Cann from the

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shook my - self to make sure I was real - ly there. Oh, from
banks of the Barrow the star of Coun - ty Down. Down.

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Chorus *f*

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Ban - try Bay up to Der - ry Quay, and from Gal - way to Dub - lin to no -

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f

25

maid I've seen like the brown col - leen that I met in the Coun - ty Down.

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mf

29

1. *mf* 2. *mf*

2. As she 3. At the

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1. 2.



34

har - vest Fair she will sure - ly be there so I'll dress in my Sun cloth with my

har - vest Fair she will sure - ly be there so I'll dress in my Sun - day with my

mf

38

hat set right and my shoes shone bright and a smile for my nut - brown Rose... No

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42

pipe I'll smoke, horse I'll yoke 'til the rust in my plough turns brown, and a

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smil - ing bride by my own fire - side sits the Star of the County Down. Oh, from

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Ban - try Bay up to Der - ry Quay, and from Gal - way to Dub - lin town no__

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poco rall.

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sfz