

# The Girl I Left Behind Me

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For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices  
*a cappella*

Traditional Irish

Irish Tune  
Arranged by Alice Parker

**Lightly; dancing**

Soprano      Alto      Tenor      Bass

Come, all ye handsome come-ly maids that live near Carlow-dwell-ing, Be -

Come, (m) come,

Come, (m) come

**Lightly; dancing**

ware of young men's flat-tongue when love to you they're tell-ing. Be -

come, come, Be -

come, come, Be -

**mf**

**mp**

**5**

**mf**

**mp**

**5**

**mf**

**mp**

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(10)

ware of the kind words they say, Be wise, and do not mind them, For

ware,

Be wise,

Be

ware,

Be wise,

Be

(10)

ware,

Be wise,

Be

if they were talk-ing till They die They'd leave you all be - hind them.

*p poco stacc.*

Be - hind them, be -

ware,

be wise,

be - hind them.

be - hind them, be -

ware,

be wise,

be - hind them, be - hind, them, be -

(15)

ware,

be wise,

be - hind them, be - hind, them, be -

(20)

hind them, be -  
heartily  
*mf* In\_\_ Car - low.town I lived, I own, all free from debt\_ and\_

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

(20)

*mf*

Be -

*mp*

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

dan - ger, Till\_\_ Colo-nel\_\_ Reil - ly list - ed me to join the Wick- low\_\_ Ran - gers. They -  
div.

*mp*

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

(25)

*mp*

(30)

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

dressed me up in scar - let red, And they used me ver - y kind - ly, But -

hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be - hind them, be -

(30)

hind them, be - hind them, The girl be - hind him. —

hind them, be - hind them, The girl be - hind him. —

still I tho't my heart would break For the girl I left be - hind me. — The

hind them, be - hind them, The girl be - hind me, be - hind me. The

unis.

(35)

*p*

40

So now my love is gone from me, I own I do not—  
So now my love is gone from me, I own I do not—  
girl I left be hind me, the girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left, the  
girl I left be hind me, the girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left, the

piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords in the right hand and sixteenth-note patterns in the left hand.

45

blame him, For of ten times he told to me that he nev er would de -  
blame him, For of ten times he told to me that he nev er would de -  
girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left be -  
girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left, the girl I left be -

45

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ceive me. But now he's gone a - cross the sea, Un - to some dis - tant  
ceive me. But now he's gone a cross the sea, Un -

(50) is - - land, But in course of time he may come home To the  
to some dis - tant is - - land, But he may come home To the  
girl I left be - hind me, the girl I left, The  
girl I left be - hind me, the girl I left, The  
50

dim.

(55) *pp*

girl he left be - hind him. \_\_\_\_\_ The girl he left be -

dim.

girl he left be - hind him. \_\_\_\_\_ The girl he left be

girl I left be - hind me. \_\_\_\_\_

div. *p*

girl I left be - hind me, be - hind me, the girl he left be

dim.

(55) *p*

hind him, the girl he left, the girl he left, \_\_\_\_\_

hind him, the girl he left, the girl he left, \_\_\_\_\_

'Tis not my love I claim I own All for our sep - a -

hind him. \_\_\_\_\_ the girl he left, \_\_\_\_\_ the

(60) *mf*

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the girl he left,  
the girl he left,  
ra - tion, That left me wan - d'ring far from home All in a dis - tant  
girl he left,  
the girl he left.

(65)  
sta - tion. But when- ever I get my lib - er - ty, No man shall ev - er  
bind him. But when- ever I get my lib - er - ty, No man shall ev - er bind him.

70

bind me, I'll see my na-tive land once more, And the girl I left be -

bind me, I'll see my na-tive land once more, And the girl I left be

p marc.

75) The girl he left be - hind him.

p marc.

The girl he left be - hind him.

p marc.

hind me. The girl I left be - hind me.

p marc.

hind me. The girl I left, — the girl I left.

p marc.

(75)

p marc.

pp

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