

Tommy Makem [1934]

RED IS THE ROSE

G **Em** **Am** **C** **D**
Come over the hills, my bonnie Irish lass
G **Em** **C** **D**
Come over the hills to your darling
C **Bm** **C** **Em** **D**
You choose the rose love, and I'll make the vow
G **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
And I'll be your true love fore---ver

▶ **CHORUS**

G **Em** **Am** **C** **D**
Red is the rose that in yonder garden grows
G **Em** **C** **D**
Fair is the lily of the val-ley
C **Bm** **C** **Em** **D**
Clear is the water that flows from the Boyne
G **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
But my love is fairer than a---ny

G **Em** **Am** **C** **D**
'Twas down by Killarney's green wood's we strayed
G **Em** **C** **D**
The moon and the stars they were shining
C **Bm** **C** **Em** **D**
The moon shone its rays on her locks of golden hair
G **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
She swore she'd be my love fore---ver

▲ **Chorus:**

G **Em** **Am** **C** **D**
It's not for the parting that my sister pains
G **Em** **C** **D**
It's not for the grief of my mo-ther
C **Bm** **C** **Em** **D**
'Tis all for the loss of my bonnie Irish lass
G **Em** **Am** **D** **G**
That my heart is breaking fore---ver

▲ **Chorus**