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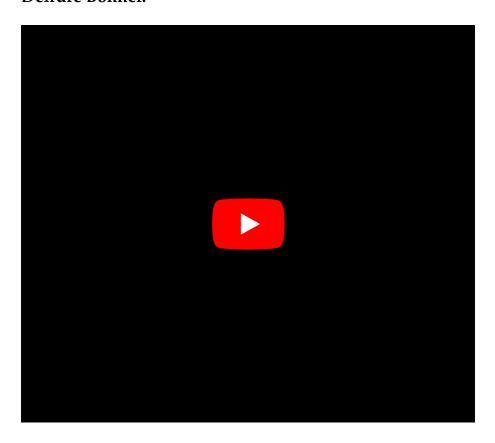
Peggy Gordon

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Although there are many versions of this song by Scottish, Irish, and even English artists, the well-known *Peggy Gordon* seems to have originated in Canada – specifically in the singing traditions of Nova Scotia. There are strong connections to many other songs in the tradition – *The Water is Wide*, *Keg of Brandy*

(https://songoftheisles.com/2013/01/05/keg-of-brandy/), and others. Here's a great version from the BBC's *Blas Ceoil* by Malachi Cush (http://www.malachicush.com/) and Deirdre Bonner.



Peggy Gordon

O Peggy Gordon, You are my darling Come sit you down upon my knee And tell to me the very reason Why I am slighted so by thee

I am so deep in love that I can't deny it My heart lies smothered in my breast But it's not for you to let the whole world know it A troubled mind can find no rest

I leaned myself on a cask of brandy It was my fancy, I do declare For when I'm drinking, I'm always thinking Wishing Peggy Gordon was there I wished I was in a lonesome valley Where womankind cannot be found And the pretty little birds do change their voices And every moment a different sound

I wish I was away in Ingo Far away across the briny sea Sailing over deepest waters Where love nor care never trouble me

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