

Song of the Isles

Celebrating the song traditions of Ireland, Scotland,
and the Anglo-Celtic lands.

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

Canadian, Traditional

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<u>CEOIL</u>	▶	<u>DEIRDE BONNER</u>	▶	<u>KEG OF</u>
<u>BRANDY</u>	▶	<u>MALACHI CUSH</u>	▶	<u>NOVA</u>
<u>SCOTIA</u>	▶	<u>PEGGY GORDON</u>	▶	<u>PEGGY</u>
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