

The Song of Wandering Aengus

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Words: William Butler Yeats, 1897, from *The Wind Upon the Reeds*, 1899

A Asus4 A
I went out to the haz el wood,
E7 Esus2 E7 A
Because a fire was in my head.
A Asus4 A E7
And cut and peeled a haz el wand,
Esus4 E7 Esus4 A
And hooked a berry to a thread;
D* G D* G D G
And when white moths were on the wing,
A A6 G D
And moth-like stars were flickering out,
E7 Esus4 E
I dropped the berry in a stream
Esus4 D A Asus2 A
And caught a little silver trout.

When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire aflame,
But something rustled on the floor,
And someone called me by my name;
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name and ran
And faded through the brightening air.

Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,
I will find out where she has gone,
And kiss her lips and take her hands;
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

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D A*
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There have been many settings of this songs. Naturally I think mine is one of the better ones.

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