

Eileen Aroon  
 Gerald Griffin (1803-1840),  
 from the Gaelic of Carrol O'Daly (1300's)  
 As played by Bob Dylan in  
 St Louis, MO, June 17th 1988

E Esus4 E Esus4

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 There is a valley fair  
 A F#m7' E

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E Esus4 E  
 There is a cottage there  
 A F#m' E

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E/g# A' E/g# B'  
 Far in the valley shade I know a tender maid  
 E/g# A C#m A F#m7' E  
 Flow'r of the hazel glade, Eileen Aroon.

Were she no longer true  
 Eileen Aroon  
 What would her lover do  
 Eileen Aroon  
 Fly with a broken chain  
 far cross the sounding main  
 Never to love again, Eileen Aroon.

Who in the time so fleet  
 Eileen Aroon  
 Who in the song so sweet  
 Eileen Aroon  
 Dearer her charms to me  
 dearer her laughter free  
 Dearer her constancy  
 Eileen Aroon.

Youth will in time decay  
 Eileen Aroon  
 Beauty must fade away  
 Eileen Aroon  
 Castles are sacked in war  
 chieftains are scattered far  
 Truth is a fixed star  
 Eileen Aroon.

Additional first verses, not sung by Dylan

1. When, like the early rose,  
 Eileen aroon!  
 Beauty in childhood blows;  
 Eileen aroon!  
 When, like a diadem,  
 Buds blush around the stem,  
 Which is the fairest gem?  
 Eileen aroon!

2. Is it the laughing eye?  
 Eileen aroon!  
 Is it the timid sigh?  
 Eileen aroon!  
 Is it the tender tone,  
 Soft as the string'd harp's moan?  
 Oh, it is the truth alone.  
 Eileen aroon!

3. When, like the rising [/dawning] day,  
Eileen aroon!  
Love sends his early ray,  
Eileen aroon!  
What makes his dawning glow  
Changeless through joy or woe?  
Only the constant know -  
Eileen aroon!