

Lord Bateman

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The first system of musical notation for 'Lord Bateman' consists of a treble clef staff in 3/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff are two lines of guitar tablature. The first line of the tablature is marked with a '3' and the second with a '2'. The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, Bb11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, Bb12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, Bb13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, Bb14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, Bb15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, Bb16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, Bb17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, Bb18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, Bb19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, Bb20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, Bb21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, Bb22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, Bb23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, Bb24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, Bb25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, Bb26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, Bb27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, Bb28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, Bb29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, Bb30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, Bb31, C32, D32, E32, F32, 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Then she led him down to the lowest cellar
And gave him a drink of the strongest wine
Each moment seemed to last an hour
"Oh, Lord Bateman, if you were mine

"It's seven long years, let's make a bargain
It's seven long years, give me your hand
That you will wed no other maiden
And I will wed no other man"

Then she led him down to her father's harbor
And gave to him a ship so fine
"Farewell to you, farewell Lord Bateman
Farewell until we meet again"

When seven long years had gone and past over
It seemed to her like ninety-nine
She bundled up her fine gold clothing
Declared Lord Bateman, she'd go find

She sailed to the east, she sailed to the westward
She sailed till she came to England's shore
And when she came to Lord Bateman's castle
Straightway she knocked upon the door

"Oh now is this Lord Bateman's castle?
And is his lordship here within?"
"Oh yes, oh yes," cried the proud young porter
"He's just now taken his new bride in"

"Tell him to send me a slice of cake
And a bottle of the best of wine
And not to forget the fair young lady
Who did release him when close confined"

"What news, what news, my proud young porter
What news, what news do you bring to me?"
"There is the fairest of young ladies
The fairest one eye ever did see

"She's got gold rings on every finger
And on her middle finger three
She's got as much gold around her middle
Would buy Northumberland from thee"

Lord Bateman rose from where he was sitting
His face it looked as white as snow
"Oh if this is the Turkish lady
I'm bound with her, love, for to go"

And then upspoke the young bride's mother
She'd never been known to speak so free
"Then what's to become of my young daughter
Who's just been made a bride to thee?"

Lord Bateman spoke to the young bride's mother
"She's none the better nor worse by me
She came here on a horse and saddle
She shall go home in a coach with thee

"Let another wedding be made ready
Another wedding there must be
I must go marry the Turkish lady
Who crossed the raging seas for me"