

September Song

Words & Music by Maxwell Anderson & Kurt Weill, 1938

Recorded by Bing Crosby, 1946; also by Maurice Chevalier, 1960

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
When I was a young man a-courtin' the girls,

Fdim Fdim(III) C
I played me a waitin' game;

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
If a maid refused me with a toss of her curls,

F G C Am
I'd let the ol' world take a couple of twirls,

F Fdim(III) C Am
And I'd ply her with tears instead of pearls,

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
And as time came around she came my way,

Fdim Fdim(III) G G7
As time came around, she came.

Refrain:

F Fm7 Fdim C C/B Am
But it's a long, long time from May to December,

Am/G D7 Dm7 G7 C Fdim C
And the days grow short when you reach September;

F Fm Fdim C C/B Am
When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame,

Am/G D Dm7 G7 C Fdim C
One hasn't got time for the waiting game.

F Fm7/6 Fm7
Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few...

Dm7 Fdim(III) G
Sep-tem-ber...No-vem-ber...

G7 F Fm7 Fdim C C/B Am
And these few precious days I'll spend with you,

Am/G D Dm7 Fdim C
These precious days I'll spend with you.

F Fm7/6 Fm7
Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few...

Dm7 Fdim(III) G
Sep-tem-ber...No-vem-ber...

G7 F Fm7 Fdim C C/B Am
And these few precious days I'll spend with you,

A/G D

These precious days

Dm7 Dm7-5 C F Fdim(III) Fdim Dm7-5 C
I'll spend with you.

Verse 2:

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
When you meet with the young men in the early Spring

Fdim Fdim(III) C
They'll court you with wine and with song

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
They'll woo you with words and a clover ring

F G C Am
But if you examine the goods that they bring

F Fdim(III) C Am
They have little to offer but the songs that they sing

Fdim Fdim(III) C Am
And a plentiful waste of time of day

Fdim Fdim(III) G G7
A plentiful waste of time

(Repeat Refrain)