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Girl From The Hiring Fair

Em                  C             G               D
I went down to the hiring fair, for to sell my labour,
      Em                      C                   Bm
and I noticed a maid in the very next row and I hoped that shed be my
C
neighbour.
  G             D                   Em                 C        D
Imagine then o my delight when the farmer picked us both.
     G                    C            Em                D           Em
C
I spoke not a word in the cart to the farm but my heart beat in my throat.

   Em                      C                G                 D
My lodging was dry and my master fair and I gave him full measure,
       Em                  C                     Bm                    C
But my envy grew like the corn in the field for in his house was my
treasure.
       G                 D        Em                    C        D
And Id watch her carry water or drive cows from the byre,
        G                          C         Em                  D   Em
And the heat from the sun made the corn grow strong and with it my desire

C     Em     C

     Em            C            G             D
Id see her in my dreaming and in my dreams caress.
    Em                      C                   Bm                  C
Her eyes her lips and her dark brown hair the curves beneath her dress.
     G                D                Em            C         D
When harvest time it came at last so heavy was the task
         G                          C       Em                  D       Em
That the women and the men worked side by side and I had her near at last.
C     Em     C     Em     C

   Em              C                   G                 D
So I swung harder with my scythe few words between us passed,
      Em                      C                   Bm
And I cursed my tongue tied youthfulness and I hoped that shed hear my
C
heart.
     G               D                Em             C         D
When all was safely gathered in and we sat down to rest
   G                  C           Em                       D      Em       C
My trembling fingers touched her arm and she placed them on her breast.
        Em                    C                  G              D
And she turned to me as the sun went down and all my senses reeled,
      Em                C                      Bm                  C
As we lay there on the scented ground and the moon rose over the field.

G / D / Em / C  D / G / C  Em / C / Em / C / Em / C

Em             C               G                   D
She was safely gathered in my arms when from the barn
Em                       C              Bm                  C
Drifted the sound of the violin and we hurried back to the farm.
    G                        D                  Em               C       D
And all were dancing in the lantern light and music filled the air
      G                          C       Em                        D
And I thanked my stars for the harvest moon and the girl from the hiring
Em      C      Em      C
fair.

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