

When I Return Again - song lyrics

American Old-time song lyrics from www.traditionalmusic.co.uk

WHEN I RETURN AGAIN.

Copyright, 1894, by Spaulding & Gray.

Written and Composed by James F. Macdonald.

I sailed away one summer's day across the stormy sea,
And left behind a lass so kind who'll always think of me.
A tear, a sigh, a sad good-bye; said I, "Cheer up, my lass;
It won't be long that I am gone, and time will quickly pass."

Chorus.

"Good-bye. good-bye, love, do not wipe your eye,
Although I know the parting gives you pain,
I know you'll think of me when I'm far away at sea,
We'll be married, love when I return again."

I crossed the main to sunny Spain, with heart so light and free,
And in the storm her lovely form, in visions, came to me:
But when 'twas calm there seemed a charm, for on the brightest day
In accents clear, her voice I'd hear, and this is what she'd say:- Chorus.

I've promised when we meet again, that her I'll surely wed,
And if I may return some day, no truer words were said,
With heavy heart, while thus apart, but fortune I will bring,
The loving dear, which time draws near, no more you'll hear us sing:- Cho.