

THE TREES THEY DO GROW HIGH

traditional celtic music

The musical score is written for two staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily on the upper staff, with the lower staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. Solfège syllables are placed above the notes to indicate pitch: Solm, Dom, Solm, Rem, Solm, Dom, Solm, Fa, Solm, Solm, Dom, Solm, Rem7, Solm, Fine, Solm, Lam, Rem, Lam, Sol, Lam, Lam, Rem, Lam, Mim7, Lam, D.S. al Fine.

Trees, they grow high and the leaves they do grow green
Many is the time my true love I've seen
Many an hour I have watched him all alone
He's young but he's daily growing

Father, dear, father you've done me great wrong
You've married me to a boy who is too young
I'm twice twelve and he is but fourteen
He's young but he's daily growing

Daughter, dear daughter, I've done you no wrong
I have married you to a great lord's son
He'll make a lord for you to wait upon
He's young but he's daily growing

Father, dear father, if you see fit
We'll send him to college for one year yet
I'll tie blue ribbons all around his head
To let the maidens know that he's married

One day, I was looking o'er my father's castle wall
I spied all the boys aplaying with the ball
My own true love was the flower of them all
He's young but he's daily growing

At the age of fourteen, he was a married man
At the age of fifteen, the father of a son
At the age of sixteen, his grave it was green
And death had put an end to his growing