

Eileanóir a Rúin

EILEEN DEAREST

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are provided in both Irish and English below each staff. Measure numbers 6, 16, and 21 are indicated on the left.

6
Mo ghrá thíú den chéad éa - chain, Ei - lea- nóir a rún.
Is ort a bhím ag smaoi - neadh, tráth mí - i mo

II
huan. A ghrá den tsaol 'sí chéad searc, 'stúis dei - se ná ban

16
Éir - eann. A bhruin-ni-lín deas óg, 'stú's dei-se mil se póig chuns a mhair - feed a

21
beo beidh gean agam ort. Mar is deas mar (ee) sheol -

25
fainn gamh - naí leat, Ei - lea- nóir a rún.

Mo ghrá thíú, den chéad fhéachaint, Eileanóir a Rúin

[Muh ghraw hoo, gun kheyd ekhaint, Ileenor uh roon]

From the moment I saw you I loved you, Eileanóir my love

Is ort a bhím ag smaoineadh, tráth a mbím i mo shuan

[Iss ort a veem e smweenyoo, traw meem ih mo hoon]

It is of you I think when I'm resting

A ghrá den tsaol, is a chéad searc, is tú is deise ná ban Éireann.

[Uh ghraw gun teel, see kheyd shark, stu is dyeh-shuh naw ban erin.]

O love of life and my first love, you are fairer than all the women of Ireland.

CURFÁ:

A bhruinnilín deas óg, is tú is deise milse póig

[Uh vrinyileen dyass og, stu is dyeh-shuh meelshuh pog]

O young fair maiden you have the nicest and sweetest kiss

Chuns a mhairfead beo beidh gean agam ort

[Khuns a warid a byo bey gyan um ort]

As long as I live my affection will be for you

Mar is deas mar a sheolfainn gamhnaí leat, Eileanóir a Rún.

[Mar iss dyass mar ee hyolinn, gow-nee latt, Ileenor uh roon.]

For I'd gladly drive the calves with you, Eileanóir my love.

Bhí bua aici go dtóigfeadh sí an corp fuar ón mbás

[Svee bua akee guh dogud she, un corp fuar on mawss]

She had a gift that she could revive the cold corpse from death

Ba milse blas a póigín ná an chuachín roimh an lá

[Ba meelshuh blas a pogeen, nawn khua-kheen riy un law]

The taste of her little kiss was sweeter than the cuckoo at dawn

Bhí bua eile aici nach ndéarfad, 'sí grá mo chroi, mo chéad searc.

[Vee bua ell yakee nakhan nyairad, shee graw mo khree, mo khayd shark.]

She had another gift I'll not mention, she is the love of my heart, my first love.