



Traditional tune, lyrics by Cathal MacGarvey
Around 1900

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Star of the County Down



Baritone

Intro: Dm Dm F C Dm Bb Am Dm Dm Bb C Dm C Dm

Dm F C Dm Bb Am
Near Banbridge Town in the County Down one morning last Ju-ly

Dm Bb C Dm C Dm
Down a boreen green came a sweet col-leen and she smiled as she passed me by

F C Dm Bb Am
She looked so sweet from her two bare feet to the sheen of her nut-brown hair

Dm F C Dm C Dm
Such a coaxing elf, sure I shook me-self for to see I was real-ly there.

Chorus:

F C Dm Bb Am
From Bantry Bay up to Derry's Quay and from Galway to Dublin Town

Dm F C Dm C Dm
No maid I've seen like the fair col-leen that I met in the County Down

Dm F C Dm Bb Am
As she onward sped, sure I scratched me head and I looked with a feein' rare

Dm F C Dm C Dm
And I says, says I, to a passer-by, "Who's the maid with the nut-brown hair?"

F C Dm Bb Am
He looked at me and he says, says he, "That's the gem of Ireland's crown

Dm F C Dm C Dm
Young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann she's the star of the County Down

<Chorus>

Dm F C Dm Bb Am
At the Harvest Fair she'll be surely there so I dressed in me Sunday clothes

Dm Bb C Dm C Dm
With me shoes shone bright and me hat cocked right for a smile from the nut-brown rose

F C Dm Bb Am
No pipe I'll smoke, no horse I'll yoke till me plough is a rust coloured brown

Dm F C Dm C Dm
And a smiling bride by me own fire-side sits the star of the County Down

<Chorus> (x2)

Outro: Dm C Dm

