

Bealtaine na Maighdine

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Music by Shaun Davey



Programme note by the composer

Bealtaine na Maighdine, 'Our Lady's May'; words by Caomhín ó Cinneide, music by Shaun Davey. This lyrical song in gentle waltz time was composed as part of the repertoire of the West Kerry band Béal Tuinne. The words - in Irish - are from a poem by Caomhín ó Cinneide, in which Spring flowers, newborn lambs, seeds planted in the early sunshine and the songs of the cuckoo and thrush evoke a picture of the month of May. In local Christian tradition, the month of May (Bealtaine) is associated with Mary, mother of Jesus.

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Piano *mf*

A Asus A/C# D/B A/C# D A/C# D A/C# B/D# E

Pno.

A Asus A/C# D/B A/C# D A/C# DA/C# E A

Chorus 1

9 *f* (* as in 'howl') (* 'ow' as in 'town')

S. *f*

Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan - rí - on réalt na bhFlai - theas tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han - na Byowl - ten - na hoot a van ree - un raylt na vlah - huss toos fown linn

A. *f*

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T. *f*

Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan - rí - on réalt na bhFlai - theas tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han - na Byowl - ten - na hoot a van ree - un raylt na vlah - huss toos fown linn

B. *f*

Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan - rí - on réalt bhFlai - theas tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han - na Byowl - ten - na hoot a van ree - un raylt vlah - huss toos fown linn

Pno. *f*

A D/F# E/G# A F#m B/D# E A/C#

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S. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

A. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

T. 8 Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

B. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

Pno. *p*

D/F# E/G# A D/F# A/E Asus/E A

17 Verse 1

S. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on réalt na bhFlai-theas tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un raylt vlah - huss toos fown linn

A. *mf* Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on réalt na bhFlai-theas tu's fonn linn.
mf Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un raylt vlah - huss toos fown linn

T. 8 Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on réalt na bhFlai-theas tu's fonn linn.
mf Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un raylt vlah - huss toos fown linn

B. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat a Bhan-rí - on réalt na bhFlai-theas tu's fonn linn.
mf Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un raylt vlah - huss toos fown linn

Pno. *p*

A Asus A D/B A/C# D A/C# D A/C# B/D# E

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S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

A Asus A D/B A/C# D A/C# D A/C# E A

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Chorus 2

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

A D/F# E/G# A F#m B/D# E A/C#

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S. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat aBhan - rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

A. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat aBhan - rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

T. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat aBhan - rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

B. Blá - than-na Beal - tai-ne chugat aBhan - rí - on tu's fonn linn.
Blaw - han-na Byowl - ten-na hoot a van ree - un toos fown linn.

Pno. *p*

D/F# E/G# A D/F# A/E Asus/E A

33 Verse 2 (*'a' as in 'shave') (*'ow' as in 'town')

S. (sing only if required)

A. *mf* *Scéimh na ngrást ar ghleann's ar chluai - nín nu - air dhamh-sann ann t'ua - nín.
Schkay na grost air glown sair clooa - neen noo - er gow - sun *own twa-neen.

T. *mf* *Scéimh na ngrást ar ghleann's ar chluai - nín nu - air dhamh-sann ann t'ua - nín.
Schkay na grost air glown sair clooa - neen noo - er gow - sun *own twa-neen.

B. *mf* *Scéimh na ngrást ar ghleann's ar chluai - nín nu - air dhamh-sann ann t'ua - nín.
Schkay na grost air glown sair clooa - neen noo - er gow - sun *own twa-neen.

Pno. *mf*

A Asus A D/B A/C# D A/C# D A/C# B/D# E

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S.

A.

T.

B.

Datha - nna mol - ta Mui - re Máth - er dhein an ná-duir duit sol - á - thar._____
 Dah - na mol - ta Mwi - reh Maw - hair yen en na - dur dit sol - law - her._____

Pno.

A Asus A D/B A/C# D A/C# D A/C# E A

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('o' as in 'ogle')

Middle 1

S.

A.

T.

B.

Fuis - eóg foinn bhínn bin-neas cuai - che lae-tha
 Fwish - og fwinn veen bin - nes kwa - che lay - ha

Pno.

A E/G# D9/F# E/G#