

THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND

*An English folk song dating back to Elizabethan times but known in America early in the 17th Century.
It was popular in the U.S Army as a marching tune in the 19th Century and several versions of the lyrics have existed.
The lyrics here are from a 1938 recording by Bob Willis and the Texas Playboys.
Slim Dusty did an Australian version on a 1996 recording.*



Verse 1: D G D A
Wrote her a letter when I shoulda known better. Asked her to be my wife
 D G A7 D
Along came a feller who hit me on the smeller and I almost lost my life

Chorus: D G A7
Oh that girl that pretty young girl, that girl I left behind me
 D G A D
With rosy cheeks and curly hair. The girl I left behind me

Verse 2: She rode ahead to the place I said and always there you'll see
I am true when you get through come back and you will find me

Verse 3: The turtle and the frog, the monkey and the dog, the chick, the weasel and the flea
The fuzzy coon and the ugly baboon they've all got a wife but me

Verse 4: If I ever get off the trail and the Injuns they don't find me
I'll make my way straight back again to the girl I left behind me

Verse 5: Last night I slept in a sycamore tree with the wind and rain all around me
But tonight I'll sleep in a warm feather bed with the girl I left behind me