

Maagee Mae

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The musical score is in G major, 4/4 time. It features four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics correspond to the notes and chords indicated in the score.

Tha Spreng ad cum, tha flowurs en bloom,
Tha berds sang owt ther lae;
Down by a lid-del runen straem
I fers glaazd Maagee Mae.

*Me liddel wetchee Maagee,
Sengen oll tha dae!
Aw, ow I luvd er nawn cun till,
Me liddel Maagee Mae.*

Er ayr woz gawld, er eyes wer bloo
An shynen lyk tha dae:
Er art woz evur pewur an troo:
Me liddel Maagee Mae.

An aw! er voys woz sweet an law
An lyk an aenguls lae:
I er et now wer er I goa:
Tha voys a Maagee Mae.

Tha yeers av gawn, me eyes er dem
Me ayr es skat an grae,
Yit nevur shall I sees ta luv
Me lawng-los Maagee Mae.

Sometimes known as 'Cornish Maggie'.
Verses 2, 3 and 4 are 'a conjectural reconstruction' by Ralph Dunstan.

Made famous by the inimitable Charlie Bate of Padstow, this song is a party piece for John Bolitho who sings it in English and Cornish, so it seems only fitting to have a Dialect version.