

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Chauncey Olcott, George Graff Jr., & Ernest Ball 1912 practice sheet at ukesterbrown.com (1st note sung is an "E")

Verse 1:

C G7 C G7
There's a tear in your eye and I'm wondering why,
C
for it never should be there at all.
G7 C A7
With such power in your smile sure a stone you'd beguile,
D7 G7
and there's never a teardrop should fall.
C G7 C G7
When your sweet lilting laughter's like some fairy song
C F
and your eyes sparkle bright as can be.
C A7
You should laugh all the while and all other times smile,
D7 G7
So now smile a smile for me.

Chorus:

C G7 C C7 F C
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure 'tis like a morn in spring.
F C D7 G7
In the lilt of Irish laughter you can hear the angels sing,
C G7 C C7 F C
When Irish hearts are happy all the world seems bright and gay,
F D7 C D7 G7 C
And When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure, they steal your heart away.

Verse 2:

C G7 C G7
For your smile is a part of the love in your heart,
C
And it makes even sunshine more bright.
G7 C A7
Like the linnet's sweet song, crooning all the day long.
D7 G7
Comes your laughter so tender and light.
C G7 C G7
For the springtime of life is the best time of all,
C F
With never a pain or regret.
C A7
While the springtime is ours, thru all of life's hours,
D7 G7
Let us smile each chance we get.