

GARTAN MOTHER'S LULLABY

Ulster traditional

6th string = D

tenderly (mm=86)

mp

7

13

19

25

31 *slower (72)*

This hauntingly beautiful modal song was collected in Co. Donegal by musicologist Herbert Hughes, who included it in his collection *Irish Country Songs* (1909). The version I have used is that recorded in the 1960's by harpist Mary O'Hara.

The well-known folklorist Joseph Campbell composed lyrics in English (beginning "Sleep o babe for the red bee hums / The silent twilight's fall") to the melody. I have not seen any reference to the existence of original Gaelic lyrics to this song.