The Kerry Dance

Words and Music by
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Vivace

O, the days of the Kerry dancing, O, the ring of the piper's tune!

O, for one of those hours of gladness, gone, alas, like our youth, too soon!

When the boys began to gather in the glen of a summer night,

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And the Kerry piper's turning made us long with wild delight.

O, to think of it, O, to dream of it fills my heart with tears! O, the days of the

Kerry dancing, O, the ring of the piper's tune, O, for one of those

hours of gladness, gone, alas! like our youth, too soon.

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Was there ever a sweeter colleen in the dance than Eily More,

Or a prouder lad than Thady, as he boldly took the floor?

"Lads and lasses, to your places; up the middle and down again."

Ah! the merry-hearted laughter, ringing thro' the happy glen! O, to think of it,
O, to dream of it fills my heart with tears! O, the days of the Kerry dancing,

O, the ring of the piper's tune, O, for one of those hours of gladness,

Piu lento
gone, alas! like our youth, too soon. Time goes on and the happy years are

dead, And one by one the merry hearts are fled. Silent now is the
wild and lone-ly glen, Where the bright glad laugh will ech-o ne'er a-gain.

Lento sempre

On-ly dream-ing of days gone by fills my heart with tears. Loving vo-ices of

old com-pan-ions steal-ing out of the past once more, And the sound of the

dear old music, soft and sweet as in days of yore: When the boys be-gan to gath-er

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In the glen of a summer night, And the Kerry piper's tuning made us long with

Wild delight, O, to think of it, O, to dream of it fills my heart with tears!

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