

South Wind (traditional Irish, as sung by Archie Fisher)

South wind of a gentle rain,
you banish winter weather
Bring salmon to the pool again,
the bees among the heather
If northward now you mean to blow
as you rustle soft above me,
God speed be with you as you go
with a kiss for those that love me

From south I come with velvet breeze,
my word all nature blesses,
I melt the snow and strew the leas (leas = meadows or grasslands)
with flowers and soft caresses;
I'll help you to dispel your woes,
with joy I'll take your greeting
And bear it to your loved Mayo
upon my wings so fleeting.

My Connaught, famed for wine and play,
so leal, so gay, so loving
Here's my fond kiss I send today
borne on the wind in its roving.
Those Munster folk are good and kind,
right royally they treat me
But this land I'd gladly leave behind,
with your Connaught pipes to greet me.

$\frac{3}{4}$ Time

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I substitute a minor six chord in the fourth bar of the B section. I sing it in D. In G it would look like this:

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