

My Last Farewell to Stirling

Words & music: Traditional

D **A**
Nae lark in transport rides the sky
Bm D Am C
Nor leaves with early plaintive cry
D A
But I maun bid my last goodbye
Bm G A D
My last farewell to Stirling O

D **A**
Now fare ye weel for I am bound
Bm D Am C
For twenty years to Van Dieman's land
D A
But think of me and what I've done
Bm G A D
When I am far frae Stirling O

D **A**
Nae mair I'll wander through the glen
Bm D Am C
And disturb the roost of the pheasant hen
D A
Nor chase the rabbits to their den
Bm G A D
When I am far frae Stirling O

D **A**
Nae mair I'll meet you after dark
Bm D Am C
And hunt wi' you in the King's deer park
D A
Nor raise the hare out from their flap
Bm G A D
When I am far frae Stirling O

D **A**
Now fare thee weel, my Jeanie, dear
Bm D Am C
For you I shed a bitter tear
D A
But I hope you'll find some other dear
Bm G A D
When I am far frae Stirling O

D **A**
Now one request before I go
Bm D Am C
And that's untae my comrades all
D A
My gun, my dog, you'll keep for me
Bm G A D
When I am far frae Stirling O

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a 4/4 time signature and a D chord, followed by a 6/4 time signature and an A chord. The second staff starts with a Bm chord, then a D chord, an Am chord, and a C chord. The third staff begins with a D chord and ends with an A chord. The fourth staff starts with a Bm chord, then a G chord, an A chord, and ends with a D chord. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by a horizontal line to indicate a long note or a slur.

Nae lark in tran— - sport rides the sky Nor
leaves with ear— - ly plain - tive cry But
I maun bid— my last good - bye My
last fare - well— to Stir - ling O.

arr. Peter McLaren

2. Nae mair I'll wander through the glen
And disturb the roost of the pheasant hen
Nor chase the rabbits to their den
When I am far frae Stirling O
3. Nae mair I'll meet you after dark
And hunt wi' you in the King's deer park
Nor raise the hare out from their flap
When I am far frae Stirling O
4. Now fare thee weel, my Jeanie, dear
For you I shed a bitter tear
But I hope you'll find some other dear
When I am far frae Stirling O
5. Now one request before I go
And that's untae my comrades all
My gun, my dog, you'll keep for me
When I am far frae Stirling O
6. Now fare ye weel for I am bound
For twenty years to Van Dieman's land
But think of me and what I've done
When I am far frae Stirling O

Transcription based on the singing of Gordon McIntyre on the 1978 recording with Danny Spooner "Revived and Relieved" (Larrikin LRF016).