

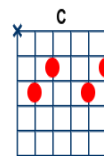
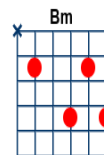
Girl From The Hiring Fair

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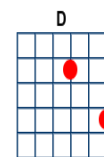
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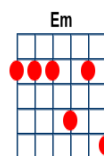
[Em] I went down to the [C] hiring fair, [G] for to sell my [D] labour,
and I [Em] noticed a maid in the [C] very next row
and [Bm] hoped that she'd be my [C] neighbour.
Im-[G]agine then oh [D] my delight when the [Em] farmer picked us [C] both. [D]
I [G] spoke not a word in the [C] cart to the [Em] farm
but my heart [D] beat in my [Em] throat. [C]



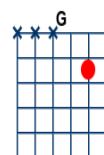
My [Em] lodging was dry and my [C] master fair and [G] I gave him full [D] measure,
But my [Em] envy grew like the [C] corn in the field
for [Bm] in his house was my [C] treasure.
And I'd [G] watch her carry [D] water or [Em] drive cows from the [C] byre, [D]
And the [G] heat from the sun made the [C] corn grow [Em] strong
and with it [D] my de-[Em]sire [C] [Em] [C]



I'd [Em] see her in my [C] dreaming and [G] in my dreams ca-[D]ress.
Her [Em] eyes her lips and her [C] dark brown hair,
the [Bm] curves beneath her [C] dress.
When [G] harvest time it [D] came at last so [Em] heavy was the [C] task [D]
That the [G] women and the men worked [C] side by [Em] side
and I had her [D] near at [Em] last.



[C] [Em] [C] [Em] [C]



So [Em] I swung harder [C] with my scythe few [G] words between us [D] passed,
And I [Em] cursed my tongue tied [C] youthfulness
and I [Bm] hoped that she'd hear my [C] heart.
When [G] all was safely [D] gathered in and [Em] we sat down to [C] rest [D]
My [G] trembling fingers [C] touched her [Em] arm
and she placed them [D] on her [Em] breast. [C]

And she [Em] turned to me as the [C] sun went down
and [G] all my senses [D] reeled,
As [Em] we lay there on the [C] scented ground
and the [Bm] moon rose over the [C] field.

[G] [D] [Em] [C] [D] [G] [Em] [D] [Em]

[Em] She was safely [C] gathered in my [G] arms when from the [D] barn
[Em] Drifted the sound of the [C] violin
and we [Bm] hurried back to the [C] farm.
And [G] all were dancing in the [D] lantern light and [Em] music filled the [C] air [D]
And I [G] thanked my stars for the [C] harvest [Em] moon
and the girl from the [D] hiring [Em] fair. [C] [Em] [C]

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[C] [Em] [C] [Em] [C] [Em] .