

# The Parting Glass

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Traditional

Am F Am G C Am F G

6 Am F Am G C G F Am

10 C Am F Dm G

14 Am F Am G C G F Am

This lovely song of parting is claimed by both Ireland and Scotland, and has been known in both countries for centuries. The tune appeared as early as the 1600's in the Skene and Guthrie Manuscripts, as well as in Playford's Original Scot's Tunes; the lyrics were distributed on broadsides by 1770. Some say that before Robert Burns popularized Auld Lang Syne, this was the song most used at the close of social gatherings. It was introduced to the American public in the 1960's by Irish singers The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, who often sang it at the end of their concerts.

Of all the money e'er I had,  
I spent it in good company.  
And all the harm I've ever done,  
Alas, it was to none but me.  
And all I've done for want of wit  
To mem'ry now I can't recall.  
So fill to me the parting glass,  
Good night and joy be with you all.

Oh, all the comrades e'er I had,  
They're sorry for my going away,  
And all the sweethearts e'er I had,  
They'd wish me one more day to stay.  
But since it falls unto my lot  
That I should rise and you should not,  
I gently rise and softly call,  
Good night and joy be with you all.