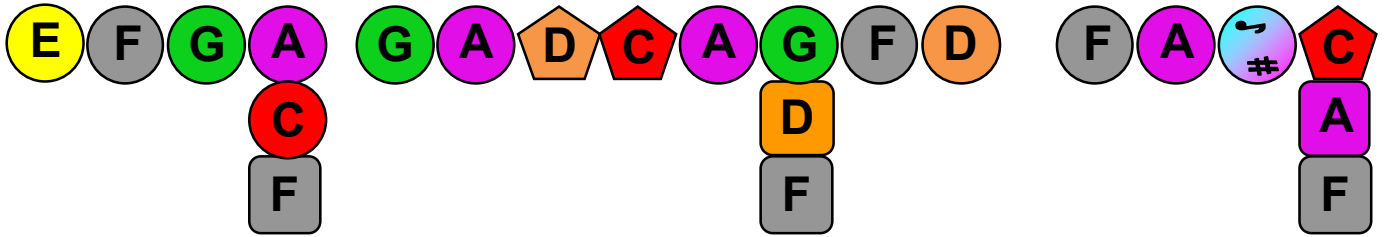
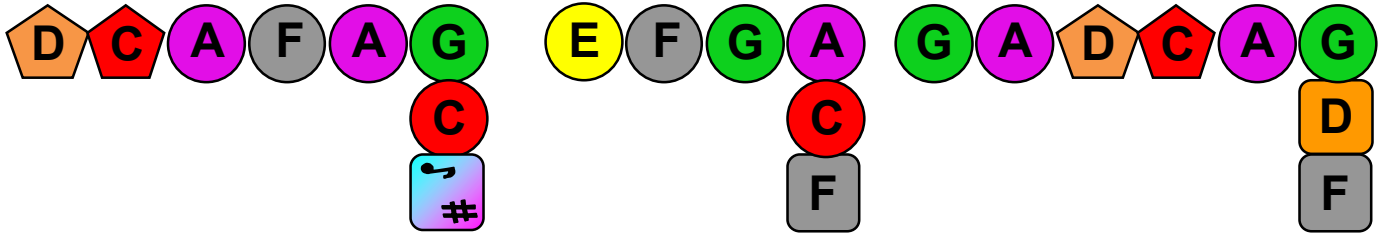


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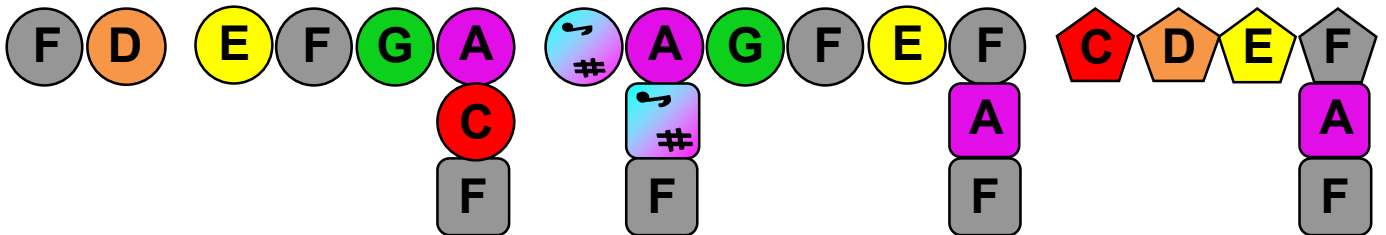
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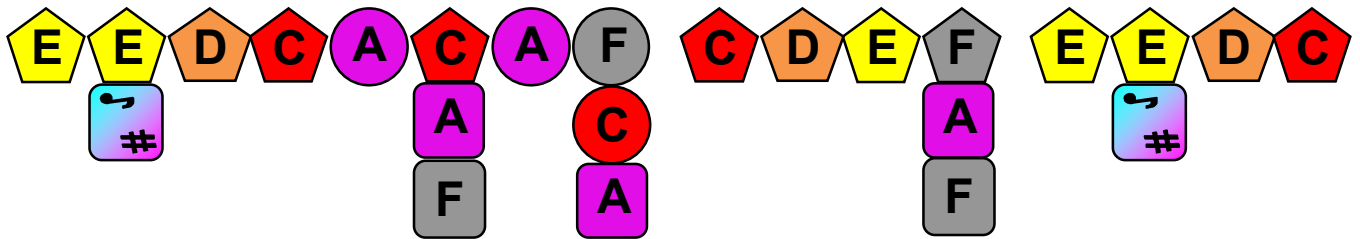
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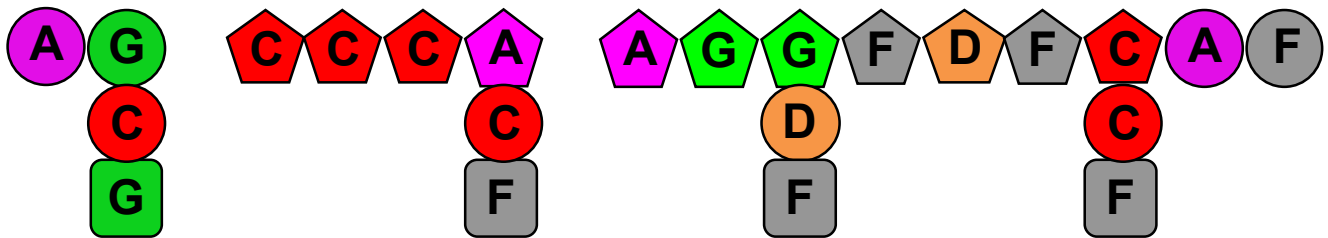
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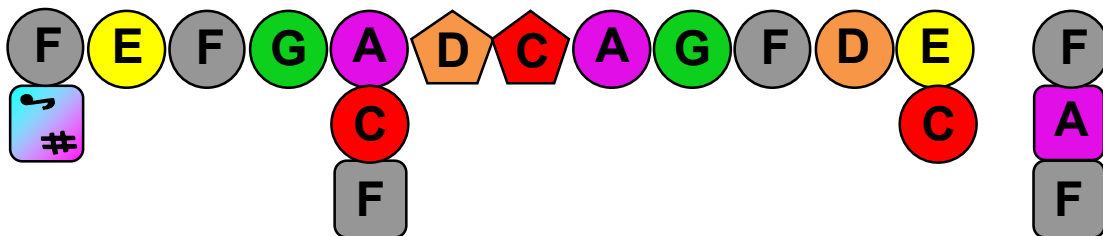
ling, It's you, it's you must go and I must bide. But come ye back



when summer's in the meadow, Or when the valley's hushed and white



with snow, And I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,



Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!

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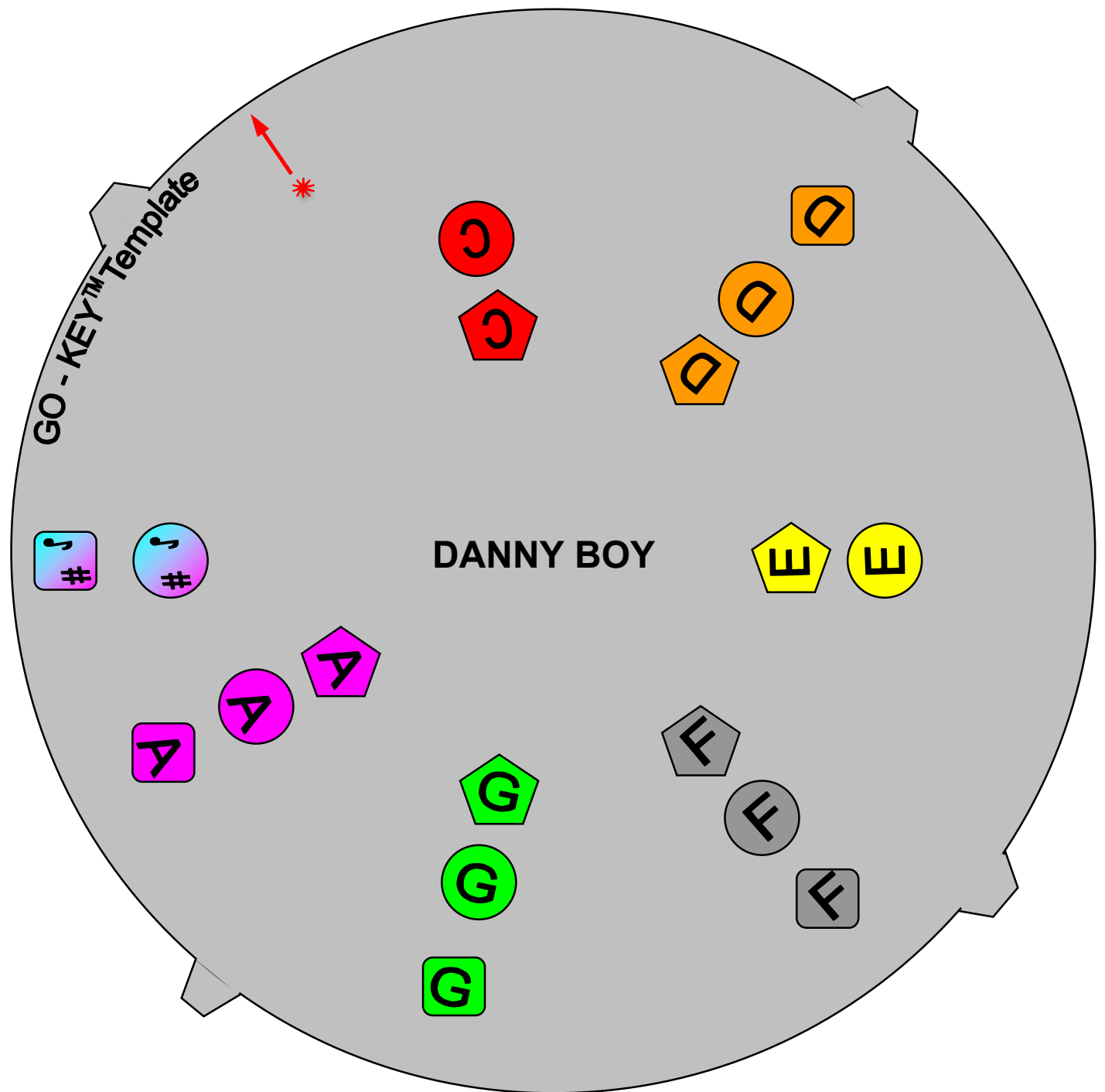
Lyrics

Oh, **Danny boy**, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side.
The summer's gone, and all the roses falling,
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow,
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow,
And I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, and all the flowers are dying,
And I am dead, as dead I well may be,
Ye'll come and find the place where I am lying,
And kneel and say an "Avé" there for me;

And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me,
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be,
For you will bend and tell me that you love me,
and I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!



History and Origin

"**Danny Boy**" is a ballad set to a traditional Irish melody. English songwriter Frederic Weatherly wrote the lyrics, which are usually set to the Irish tune of the "Londonderry Air". The song was written in the town of Limavady, County Londonderry in what is today Northern Ireland. It is most closely associated with Irish people and the Irish diaspora. Initially written to a tune other than "Londonderry Air", English lawyer and lyricist Frederic Weatherly wrote the words to "Danny Boy" in Bath, Somerset in 1910. Weatherly gave the song to the vocalist Elsie Griffin, who made it one of the most popular songs in the new century. In 1915, Ernestine Schumann-Heink produced the first recording of "Danny Boy".

The 1918 version of the sheet music included alternative lyrics ("Eily Dear"), with the instructions that "when sung by a man, the words in italic should be used; the song then becomes "Eily Dear", so that "Danny Boy" is only to be sung by a lady". In spite of this, it is unclear whether this was Weatherly's intent. Indeed, the song has been covered by a diverse range of male singers, including Mario Lanza, Bing Crosby, Andy Williams, Johnny Cash, Sam Cooke, Elvis Presley, Shane MacGowan, Jackie Wilson, Daniel O'Donnell, Harry Belafonte, Tom Jones, John Gary, Frank Patterson, Jacob Collier, Harry Connick Jr., and comedian Peter Kay amongst many others. All used the original lyrics.

Notable recordings

Year	Artist	Notes
1939	Gracie Fields	Shipyard Sally soundtrack
1940	Judy Garland	Little Nellie Kelly soundtrack
1940	Glenn Miller	Single only #17 in "Pop Memories 1890-1954"
1941	Bing Crosby	Merry Christmas Paired with "I'll Be Home for Christmas" on its original single.
1950	Eugene Conley	Eugene Conley, Robert Farnon And His Orchestra
1950	Al Hibbler	Single only #9 on the R&B chart.
1955	Slim Whitman	Single only
1956	Ruby Murray	The Voice of Ireland Released as part of her Irish songs album.
1959	Conway Twitty	Saturday Night #10 on Billboard Hot 100 and #18 on R&B charts.
1961	Jim Reeves	The Blizzard/Danny Boy 7" 45rpm vinyl LP #27 on RCA Victor 7855 in "Music Vendor"
1961	Andy Williams	Danny Boy and Other Songs I Love to Sing #15 on U.S. contemporary and #64 on Hot 100 charts.
1962	Connie Francis	Connie Francis Sings Irish Favorites. Released as an all-Irish album.
1964	Judith Durham	With The Seekers. Judith Durham also performed it solo on many albums and TV appearances
1964	Harry James	One Night Stand With Harry James on Tour in '64 Buddy Rich on drums
1964	Patti LaBelle	And the Bluebelles, Sweethearts of the Apollo #76 on Hot 100
1965	Johnny Cash	Orange Blossom Special
1965	Jackie Wilson	Single only #94 on Hot 100 and #25 on R&B charts.
1967	Ray Price	Danny Boy #60 on Hot 100 and #9 on Country charts.
1967	Tom Jones	13 Smash Hits Also included in 1969 album Tom Jones Live in Las Vegas.
1972	Roy Orbison	Memphis
1972	Glen Campbell	The Artistry of Glen Campbell
1976	Elvis Presley	From Elvis Presley Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee
1979	Willie Nelson	One for The Road
1979	Thin Lizzy	Black Rose: A Rock Legend
1990	Carly Simon	My Romance
1990	Frank Patterson	Miller's Crossing soundtrack Also included in 1999 album, Ireland In Song
1991	Bill Evans	Time Remembered
1992	John McDermott	Independent recording
2002	Johnny Cash	American IV: The Man Comes Around American Recordings, Universal
2002	Eva Cassidy	Imagine Blix Street
2004	Carol Noonan	Somebody's Darling Performed live and noted by NPR
2005	Celtic Woman	Celtic Woman Performed by Méav Ní Mhaolchatha.
2009	Mormon	Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra Danny Boy, Live at Red Rocks
2012	BYU's	Vocal Point Danny Boy Available on the Vocal Point YouTube Channel
2013	Girls' Generation	2011 Girls' Generation Tour
2013	Gothard Sisters	Compass #11
2015	Damien Leith	Songs from Ireland #11 in Australia
2015	Lisa Hannigan	Fargo Season 2, Episode 7 "Did you do this? No, you did it!"
2015	Jacob Collier	Maida Vale session for BBC
2017	Bill Evans	Empathy