





# My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean

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 My bonnie lies over the ocean, My bonnie lies over


  
 the sea, My bonnie lies over the ocean, O bring back my


  
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END

## Lyrics

My bonnie lies over the ocean,  
 My bonnie lies over the sea,  
 My bonnie lies over the ocean,  
 O bring back my bonnie to me.

### Chorus

*Bring Back, bring back*  
*O bring back my bonnie to me, to me.*  
*Bring Back, bring back*  
*O bring back my bonnie to me.*

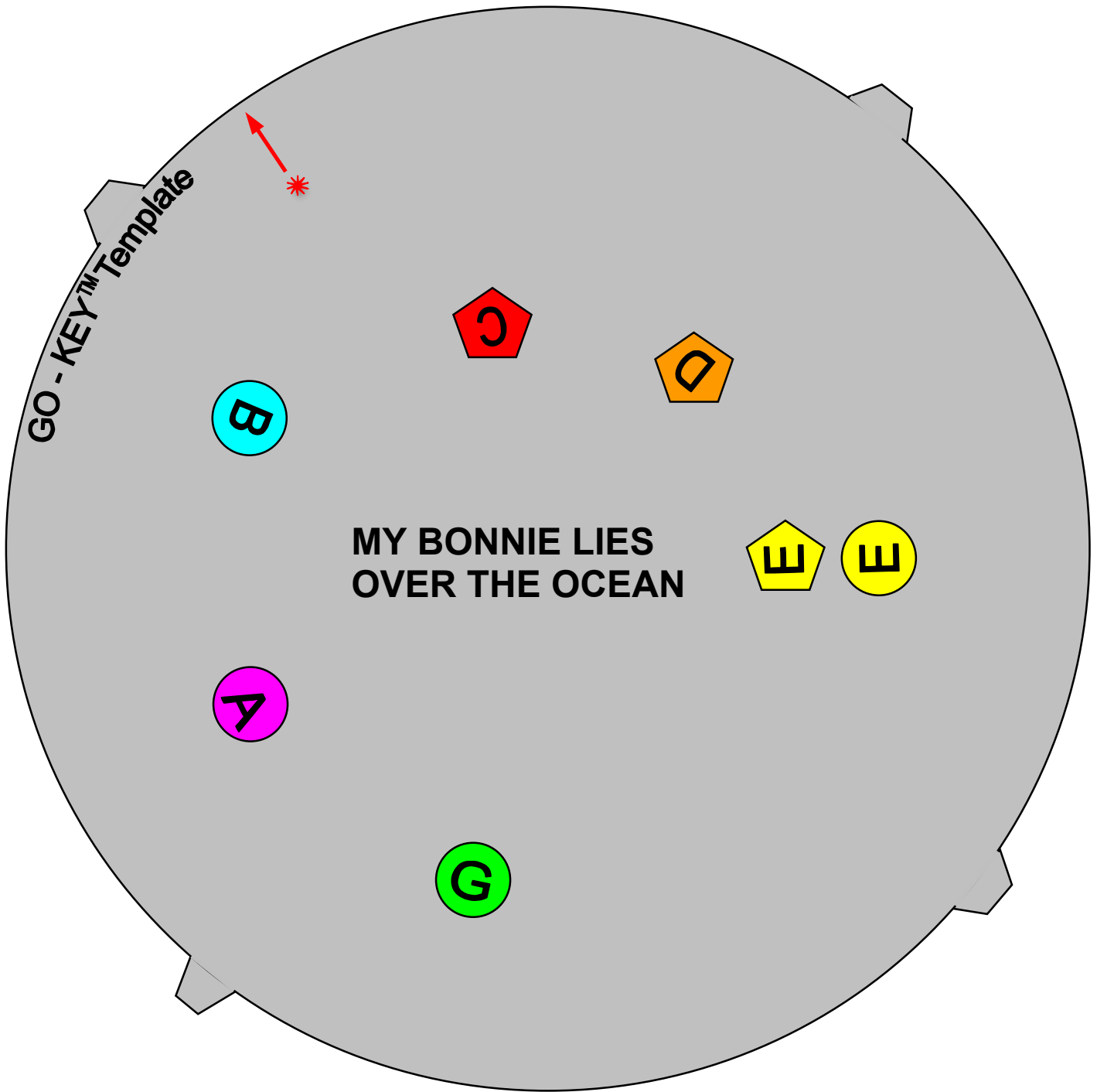
O blow ye winds over the ocean  
 O blow ye winds over the sea;  
 O blow ye winds over the ocean  
 And bring back my bonnie to me.

### Chorus

Last night as I lay on my pillow,  
 Last night as I lay on my bed;  
 Last night as I lay on my pillow  
 I dreamed my poor bonnie was dead

### Chorus

The winds have blown over the ocean,  
 The winds have blown over the sea;  
 The winds have blown over the ocean  
 And brought back my bonnie to me.



## History and Origin

**"My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean"** is a traditional Scottish folk song that remains popular in Western culture. Although the song's origin is uncertain, its original subject could possibly be Charles Edward Stuart ('Bonnie Prince Charlie'): after the defeat of the Prince at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and his subsequent exile, his Jacobite supporters could have sung this song or one like it in his honour; and thanks to the ambiguity of the term "bonnie", which can refer to a woman as well as to a man, they could pretend it was a love song.

In 1881, under the duo of pseudonyms H.J. Fuller and J.T. Wood, Charles E. Pratt published sheet music for "Bring Back My Bonnie to Me". Theodore Raph in his 1964 book *American song treasury: 100 favorites*, writes that people were requesting the song at sheet music stores in the 1870s, and Pratt was convinced to publish a version of it under the pseudonyms, and the song became a big hit, especially popular with college singing groups but also popular for all group singing situations.

There are numerous variations and parodies of the song. Many of these are a result of the song being sung often to children and being a common campfire song for organizations such as the Boy Scouts. These campfire versions are occasionally accompanied by interactive movements, such as sitting down or standing up every time a word that begins with the letter "b" is sung.

### Uses

- 1925, The Fleischer brothers filmed this song in DeForest Phonofilm, part of their Song Car-Tunes series.
- 1932, Arthur Housman's drunken character merrily sings this song at the Laurel & Hardy short *Scram!*
- 1944, In the Woody Woodpecker cartoon "The Beach Nut", song is sung by Woody and by Wally Walrus.
- 1948, *My Bunny Lies Over The Sea*, in short 'Bugs Bunny' cartoon film whose title parodies the song.
- 1945, Song was in the Abbott and Costello film *The Naughty Nineties*.
- 1951, The song plays a prominent role in the *I Love Lucy* episode "The Quiz Show".
- 1958, Ray Charles recorded an R&B arrangement of the song for Atlantic Records.
- 1960, Duane Eddy hit the US Top 30 and UK Top 15 with a version titled "Bonnie Came Back"
- 1961, A rock n' roll arrangement of the song was recorded by Tony Sheridan and the Beat Brothers.
- 1962, Bing Crosby included the song in a medley on his album *On the Sentimental Side*.
- 1965, Used in a comic story by Carl Barks *The Phantom of Notre Duck*, with Scrooge McDuck. In the
- 1985, Indonesian film *Kesempatan dalam Kesempitan*, in which the song was sung in a jazz tune.
- 2004, Episode 17 of Season 15 (*My Big Fat Geek Wedding*) of the television series *The Simpsons*. On
- 2011, Laura Wright recorded a version, featured on her album *The Last Rose*.
- 2012, Hollie Steel starred and sang "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean" in *Children on the Titanic*.