Sweet Fern

Carter Family











Verse 1:

[G] Springtime is coming, sweet lonesome bird Your [D] echo in the [D7] woodland I [G] hear [G] Down in the meadow so lonesome you're singing While the [D] moonlight is [D7] shining so [G] clear But I [C] know he's away in a [G] far distant land A [A7] land that is over the [D7] sea Go [G] fly to him singing your sweet little song And [D] tell him to [D7] come back to [G] me

Chorus:

[G] Sweet Fern (Sweet Fern) Sweet Fern (Sweet Fern) Oh, [D] tell me, is my [D7] darling still [G] true? Sweet Fern (Sweet Fern) Sweet Fern (Sweet Fern) I'll [D] be just as [D7] happy as [G] you

Yodel:

[G] Well, a-lee-oh-[C] lay-ee Well, a-lee-ho-lee-oh-[G] lay-ee Yeah, lee-oh-[D7] lay-ee-hee-oh Lee-oh-[G] lay-ee

Instrumental last 4 lines verse:

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Verse 2:

[G] Oh, tell me, sweet Fern, is he thinking of me And the [D] promise he [D7] made long a-[G] go

[G] He said he'd return from over the sea Oh, [D] why does the [D7] earth roll so [G] slow But I [C] know he's away in a [G] far distant land A [A7] land that is over the [D7] sea Go [G] fly to him singing your sweet little song And [D] tell him to [D7] come back to [G] me

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