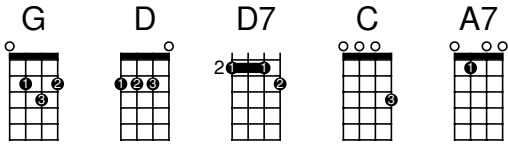


# Sweet Fern

## 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:

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

### 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  
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