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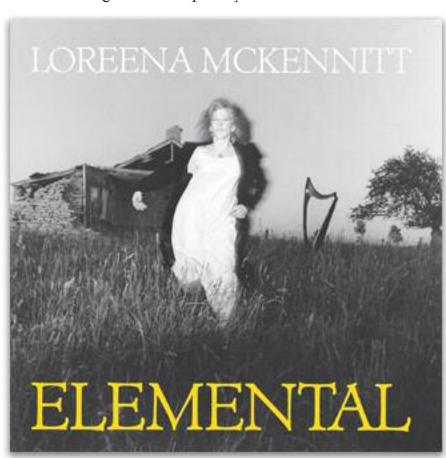
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Banks Of Claudy

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These sheet music arrangements have been prepared in the spirit of Loreena's recordings.

Although these are accurate, easy to play arrangements which in their simplicity will sound lovely on their own, you will get the most out of the music if you use the printed page as a guide to doing your own personal arrangements.

The vocal and instrumental melodies are accurately transcribed just as Loreena recorded them.

For the accompaniments, feel free to improvise on the written parts using the printed notes or chord symbols as a guide.

For the instrumental songs, you may also substitute any melodic instrument for any of the written melodies.

For those pieces that incorporate a hand percussion part feel free to use any combination of hand drums or percussion to accompany the song. The rhythms provided here are just guides to the basic rhythm of the arrangement and will sound best if you add your own variations.

The most important thing is to have fun with the music and to enjoy playing Loreena's compositions and arrangements in the joyous spirit of how they were created.

Banks of Claudy







Banks of Claudy LYRICS

1.

As I walked out one morning All in the month of May Down by a flowery garden I carelessly did stray

2.

I overheard a young maid In sorrow did complain All for her absent lover Who ploughs the raging main.

3.

I boldly stepped up to her And put her in surprise I know she did not know me I being in disguise.

4.

I says, "Me charming creature My joy, my heart's delight, How far have you to travel This dark and dreary night?"

5.

"I'm in search of a faithless young man Johnny is his name And along the banks of Claudy I'm told he does remain."

6.

"This is the banks of Claudy, Fair maid, where you stand But don't depend on Johnny For he's a false young man.

7.

"Oh, don't depend on Johnny For he'll not meet you here But tarry with me in yon green woods No danger need you fear. 8.

"Oh, it's six long weeks or better Since Johnny left the shore He's crossing the wild ocean Where the foam and the billows roar.

9.

"He's crossing the wild ocean For honour and for fame But this I've heard, the ship was wrecked All on the coast of Spain ."

10.

Oh it's when she heard this dreadful news She flew into despair By the wringing of her milk-white hands And the tearing of her hair.

11.

Saying, "If Johnny he is drowned No man on earth I'll take But through lonesome groves and valleys I'll wander for his sake."

12.

Oh it's when he saw her loyalty No longer could he stand He flew into her arms saying, "Betsy, I'm the man."

13.

Saying, "Betsy, I'm the young man The cause of all your pain But since we've met on Claudy banks We'll never part again."