

SOUTHWIND

Traditional Irish Song

- A: South wind of the gentle rain,
You banish winter weather,
Bring salmon to the pool again,
The bees among the heather;
- B: If northward now you mean to blow,
As you rustle soft above me,
God speed be with you as you go,
And a kiss for those that love me.
- A: From south I come with velvet breeze,
My word all nature blesses,
I melt the snow and strew the leaves
With flowers and warm caresses;
- B: I'll help you to dispel your woes,
With joy I'll take your greeting
And bear it to your loved Mayo
Upon my wings so fleeting.
- A: Ny Connaught, famed for wine and play,
So leal, so gay, so loving
Here's my fond kiss I send today
Borne on the wind in its roving.
- B: Those Munster folk are good and kind,
Right royally they treat me
But this land I'd gladly leave behind,
With your Connaught pipes to greet me.