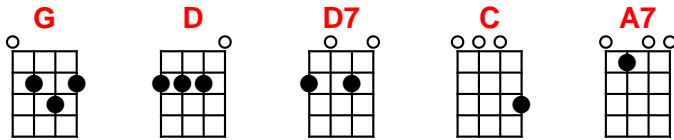


# Sweet Fern

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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A **[A7]** land that is over the **[D7]** sea  
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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  
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