## **Danny Boy**

## John McDermott

Ah Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling From glen to glen, and down the mountain sideThe summer's gone, and all the flowers are falling 'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bideBut come ye back when summer's in the meadow Or when the valley's hushed and white with snowAnd I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so But if you come, and all the flowers are falling And I am dead. as dead I may well be You'll come and find the place where I am lying And kneel and say an "Ave" there for meAnd I will hear, though soft your tread above me And o'er my grave will warmer sweeter beAnd you will bend and tell me that you love me And I will sleep in peace until you come to me But if I live and should you die for Ireland Let not your dying thoughts be just of meBut say a prayer to God for our dearest Island I know He'll hear and help to set her freeAnd I will take your pike and place my dearest And strike a blow, though weak the blow may be Twill help the cause to which your heart was nearest Oh Danny Boy, Oh, Danny boy I love you so.

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