

# Farewell to Nova Scotia

♩ = 85

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 85. The first staff contains the first line of music with chords G, C, Bm, Em, C, Em, G, and D. The second staff contains the second line with chords Em, Am Em, G, and Bm. The third staff contains the third line with chords Em, C, Em, G, D, Em, and Am Em. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together in pairs.

The sun was setting in the west  
The birds were singing on ev'ry tree  
All nature seemed inclined to rest  
But still there was no rest for me

(Chorus) Farewell to Nova Scotia, the sea-bound coast  
Let your mountains dark and dreary be  
And when I am far away on the briny oceans tossed  
Will you ever heave a sigh and a wish for me?

I grieve to leave my native land  
I grieve to leave my comrades all  
And my aged parents whom I always held so dear  
And the bonnie, bonnie lass that I do adore

The drums they do beat and the wars do alarm  
The captain calls, we must obey  
So farewell, farewell to Nova Scotia's charms  
For it's early in the morning I am far, far away

I have three brothers and they are at rest  
Their arms are folded on their breast  
But a poor simple sailor just like me  
Must be tossed and driven on the dark blue sea