

Charlie Is My Darling

Lilting

♩ = 100 or a bit faster

Scottish - 1740s

Original Key Dm

O! Char - lie is my dar - ling, my dar - ling, my dar - ling; O! Char - lie is my dar - ling, The
young che - va - lier. 'Twas on a Mon - day morn - ing, Right ear - ly in the year, When
Char - lie came to our town, The young che - va - lier. O! Char - lie is my dar - ling, my
dar - ling, my dar - ling; O! Char - lie is my dar - ling, the young che - va - lier.

*As he came marching up the street,
The pipes played loud and clear;
And a' the folk came running out
To meet the chevalier.*

O! Charlie, etc.

The Jacobite Rising of 1745-1746 ended in defeat for Charles Edward Stewart, "Bonnie Prince Charlie", at Culloden on April 16, 1746. But it did produce a large number of great Scottish songs: Johnny Cope, Will Ye Nae Come Back Again, Come O'er the Sea Charlie, and this one. Charlie is My Darling has many more verses, which can be found in many sites on the Internet. Feel free to sing it, or just play it as an instrumental. And try substituting two eighth notes for the dotted eighth/sixteenth pair on the words "is my" to smooth it out a bit. This version comes from "Songs for the People", an American Songster published in Philadelphia in 1847, which gives you some indication that it was still popular, in the United States, a century after Charlie's defeat. And it is still a good tune.

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