

# ROSE OF THE GENESEE

Words & Music by Joe LaMay

G C G  
When I was young and bound to ramble

D G  
I left my home and traveled free

C  
Until I found my piece of heaven

D G  
Down by the banks of the Genesee

There in that green and peaceful valley  
I made my home where the water flows  
And there I met the sweetest flower  
I lost my heart to my darlin' Rose

G C G  
*I found my love down by the river*

D G  
*Where the water flows so peacefully*

C G  
*She won my heart - it's hers forever*

D G  
*My darlin' Rose of the Genesee*

She was a fair and tender beauty  
The sweetest smile you'll ever see  
And hair as red as the autumn maple  
That grow so wild by the Genesee

We talked of love and courted truly  
Through the summer sun and the winter snows  
And in the spring by the river chapel  
I pledged my love to my darlin' Rose

*Chorus*

Life goes by just like the river  
How swift it flows to memory  
It was too soon the angels called her  
To her final home beyond the Genesee

And on that day my life is over  
I shall not fear where the spirit goes  
I know I'll find my peace in heaven  
When they lay me down by my darlin' Rose

*Chorus*

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