

ANNA · IRELAND

Seoithín Seó

Key: Am

~60 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am G Am

Seoithín, seothó, mo stór,

Dm Am E7

mo pheata gan cheo.

(Hush, hush, my treasure, my guileless little one.)

Am G Am

Hush now, hush, my treasure dear,

Dm Am E7

no shadow can come near.

VERSE 2

Am G Am

Ú ú, mo leanbh, go fóill,

Dm Am E7

codail gan brón.

(Oo, oo, my child, sleep a while — sleep without sorrow.)

Am G Am

Sleep a while, my little one,

Dm Am E7

till the night is done.

Am

Seoithín Seó ("hush-a-bye, hush") is one of the oldest lullaby forms in the Irish language, built almost entirely from soft, breathy sounds — "seoithín," "ú ú," "seothó" — hummed between the words as much as sung. In old folklore, a lullaby like this was also thought to keep watchful fairies from noticing a sleeping child, so every hush carried a little extra tenderness and care.

Traditional Irish (Gaelic) lullaby. The English lines here are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, offered as a respectful tribute — not a literal translation.

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