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## Paroles de chanson

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# By Chance It Was

Par Clannad

*Album : Celtic Voice*

By chance it was I met my love

It did me much surprise

Down by a shady myrtle grove

Just as the sun did rise.

The birds they sang right gloriously

And pleasant was the air

And there was none save she and I

Among the flowers fair.

In dewy grass and green we walked

She timid was and coy

How can't thou choose but pity me

My pretty pearl, my joy

How comes it that thou stroll this way?

Sweet maiden tell me true

Before bright Phoebus' glittering ray

Has supped the morning dew?

I go to tend the flocks I love  
The ewes and tender lambs  
That pasture by the myrtle grove  
That gambol by their dams  
There I enjoy a pure content  
At dawning of the day  
Then, hand in hand, we lovers went  
To see the flock at play.

And as we wended down the road  
I said to her, "Sweet maid,  
Three years I in my place abode  
And three more must be stayed  
The three that I am bound so fast  
O fairest wait for me  
And when the weary years are past  
Then wedded we will be."

"Three years are long, three times too long  
Too lengthy the delay"

And then I answered in my song  
"Hope wastes them quick away  
Where love is fervent, fain and fast  
And knoweth not decay  
There nimbly fleet the seasons past  
Accounted as one day."