

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square

First note = E (D string)
Key = C

[intro] C Am Dm G7

C Am Em C7
That certain night, the night we met,
F E7 Am Fm
There was magic abroad in the air.
C7 G7 C7 Fm
There were angels dining at the Ritz,
C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
And a nightingale sang in Berke---ley Square.

C Am Em C7
I may be right, I may be wrong,
F E7 Am Fm
But I'm perfectly willing to swear
C7 G7 C7 Fm
That when you turned and smiled at me,
C Am Dm G7 C Am B7
A nightingale sang in Berke---ley Square.

[CHORUS]

E C#m F#m7 B7
The moon that lingered over London town
G#m7 F#m7 B7
Poor puzzled moon, he wore a frown.
E C#m F#m7 B7
How could he know we two were so in love?
G#m7 Dm G7
The whole darn world seemed upside down.

C Am Em C7
The streets of town were paved with stars,
F E7 Am Fm
It was such a romantic affair.
C7 G7 C7 Fm
And as we kissed and said goodnight,
C Am Dm G7 C Am B7
A nightingale sang in Berke---ley Square.

[CHORUS]

E C#m F#m7 B7
When dawn came stealing up, all gold and blue
G#m7 F#m7 B7
To interrupt our rendezvous,
E C#m F#m7 B7
I still remember how you smiled and said,
G#m7 Dm G7
"Was that a dream? Or was it true?"

C Am Em C7
My homeward step was just as light
F E7 Am Fm
As the tap dancing feet of Astaire,
C7 G7 C7 Fm
And like an echo far away
C Am Dm G7 C
A nightingale sang in Berke---ley Square.

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"A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" is the title of a well-known romantic British popular song with lyrics by Eric Maschwitz and music by Manning Sherwin.

First published in 1940, when it was performed in the show *New Faces*, it was most famously performed by Vera Lynn in the same year. She was not the first interpreter, being preceded by Ray Noble, and subsequently it has become a standard, being performed in a noteworthy fashion by Nat King Cole, Glenn Miller, Harry Connick Jr. and Sonny Rollins.

A famous version by The Manhattan Transfer won a Grammy in 1981 for its arranger, Gene Puerling. Veteran British musician Ian Hunter, former vocalist for Mott the Hoople, regularly performs it in his concerts; his rendition appears on at least two of Hunter's live recordings.

There was also a movie by this name, released in 1979 and directed by Ralph Thomas.

The Berkeley Square (pronounced "BARK-lee," in British form) referred to is a large leafy square in a quiet and expensive part of London, UK. Mayfair and The Ritz Hotel are also in London.