

## The Blacksmith

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CB7wasgmql0>

"A Piano and Instrumental arrangement of the traditional English folksong "The Blacksmith." The solo Piano version is available in "Folksongs for Piano: A Classical Interpretation" by composer Cheryl Shantz ( [www.kallistimusic.com](http://www.kallistimusic.com) ).

"The British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, who collected the folksong from the Herefordshire district of England, had a special liking for this sad tune.

"It is the story of a young woman and a blacksmith. Her love for him is so strong that she feels she would live forever if she was always with him. He leads her on, but then she hears news of his marriage to another and is overcome with anguish and despair. In the final lines, she pours out her grief and wishes God's wrath upon him for deceiving her."

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