

SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY

1896

Maude Nugent was born in Brooklyn and was an actress, singer and dancer in New York when she composed "Sweet Rosie O'Grady." She was unable to find a publisher for it or anyone to sing it, so she herself introduced it from the stage of the theater where she was performing. It was a hit, of course, and she sold the song outright to a major publisher for a few hundred dollars. Naturally, the publisher made a fortune on the song. Incidentally, Maude Nugent became the wife of William "Billy" Jerome, one of the most successful songwriters of the time.

The success of "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" has been attributed to its folk-like qualities of simplicity and naturalness. It was only one of many songs such as "Little Annie Rooney" and "Daisy Bell," titled after women's names.

By MAUDE NUGENT
(1877-1958)

VERSE: freely

1. Down a - round the cor - ner of the street where I re - side, There
2. nev - er shall for - get the day she prom - ised to be mine As

lives the cut - est lit - tle girl that I have ev - er spied. Her
we sat tell - ing love - tales in the gold - en sum - mer - time. 'Twas

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name is Rose O' Gra - dy, and I don't mind tell - ing you That
on her fin - ger then I placed a small en - gage - ment ring, While

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she's the sweet - est lit - tle Rose the gar - den ev - er grew.
in the trees the lit - tle birds, this song they seemed to sing:

CHORUS:

9 10 11 12 13 14

8 Sweet Ro - sie O' Gra - dy, my dear lit - tle

15 16 17 18 19 20

8 Rose, She's my stead - y la - dy,

21 22 23 24 25

8 Most ev - 'ry - one knows. ev - 'ry - one knows. And

26 27 28 29 30

when we are mar - ried, How hap - py we'll

31 32 33 34 35

be; I love Sweet Ro - sie O' Gra -

36 37 38 39 40

dy, and Ro - sie O' Gra - dy loves me. 1. I

2. TAG: 41 42 43 44 45

me. I love Sweet Ro - sie O' Gra -

tenor melody 46 47 48 49 50

dy, and Ro - sie O' Gra - dy loves me. Ro - sie loves me.