

## BITTER GREEN

Words and Music by  
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**Rather fast**

Guitar → D  
(Tune low E 000121  
to D; Capo  
up 2 frets)

Keyboard → F

Em/D  
0 000

Gm/F

*legato and subdued throughout*

Up-

D  
000  
F

A  
0 0  
C

on the Bit-ter Green— she walked,— The hills a-bove the town—

F#m/A  
0  
Am/C

Em/A  
0 000  
Gm/C

F#m/A  
0  
Am/C

Ech-o'd to her foot-steps— As soft as ei-der down.— Wait-ing for her

F#m/A  
0  
Am/C

Em/A  
0 000  
Gm/C

mas-ter — To kiss a-way— her tears, Wait-ing through the

Chorus

years... Bit-ter Green, they called her Walk-ing in the sun,

Lov-ing ev - 'ry one that she met. Bit-ter

Green, they called her Wait-ing in the sun, Wait-ing for some-

one to take her home. Some But home.

For additional verses

After last chorus

D.S. and fade

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a chorus with the lyrics 'Bitter Green, they called her / Walking in the sun / Loving everyone that she met. / Bitter Green, they called her / Waiting in the sun / Waiting for someone to take her home.' The score includes guitar chords (A, D, D/F#, G, C, Bb, F) and fingerings (0, 000, 400121, 340001) for each measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words like 'Some But' appearing in the final measure of the chorus. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.S. and fade'.

### ADDITIONAL WORDS

#### Verse:

Some say he was a sailor  
Who died away at sea.  
Some say he was a prisoner  
Who never was set free  
Lost upon the ocean  
He died there in the mist  
Dreaming of a kiss.

#### Chorus:

Bitter Green, they called her  
Walking in the sun  
Loving everyone that she met.  
Bitter Green, they called her  
Waiting in the sun  
Waiting for someone to take her home.

#### Verse:

But now the bitter green is gone  
The hills have turned to rust  
There comes a weary stranger  
His tears fall in the dust  
Kneeling by the church-yard  
In the autumn mist  
Dreaming of a kiss.

#### Chorus:

Bitter Green, they called her  
Walking in the sun  
Loving everyone that she met.  
Bitter Green, they called her  
Waiting in the sun  
Waiting for someone to take her home.

(Repeat Chorus and fade)