

BEAUTIFUL DREAMER

gDGBD

Stephen Foster

4/4

1 1 0 2 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 1 0 | 2 2 1 2 | 2 2 2 2 | 0 0 4 2 | 2 2 0 0

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This is traditionally a waltz in 3 / 4 time but it does not transpose well to clawhammer style because of the phrasing of the lyrics...At 4 / 4 time it more resembles an old cowboy song so please play it lively with a bit of lilt.
Mind you, don't go too fast or it just becomes a "jogalong" tune

STEPHEN FOSTER 1864

This was the last song by Stephen Foster , probably the most successful song writer of his time. Recorded many many times by countless artists .

It also features in many films including "Gone with the Wind", "Shane" and "Batman"

It also crops up regularly on television : e.g."The Waltons" "Little House on the Prairie" ,"Rugrats" , "Bonanza" and "U.F.O "

The recording list is enormous. As gramophone records did not become popular until the 1920's there seems little mention of "Beautiful Dreamer" until Bing Crosby is credited with a version in 1940.

The huge scope of its popularity is reflected in the genre and artists who have recorded their version , including Jerry Lee Lewis,Marty Robbins,Jim Reeves,Bobby Darin and The Beatles.

Jim Reeves even made a version in Afrikaans for South Africa in 1962.