

The Ash Grove

C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
The ash grove how graceful, how plainly 'tis speaking
C **F** **G7** **C**
The harp through its playing has language for me.
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
When-ever the light through its branches is breaking,
C **F** **G** **C**
A host of kind faces is gazing on me.
C **Dm** **G** **C**
The friends from my childhood again are before me
Am **Dm** **G** **D7** **G**
Each step wakes a memory as freely I roam.
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me
C **F** **G7** **C**
The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
Down yonder green valley where streamlets meander
C **F** **G7** **C**
When twilight is fading I pensively rove
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
Or at the bright noon tide in solitude wander
C **F** **G** **C**
Amid the dark shades of the lonely ash grove.
C **Dm** **G** **C**
'Twas there while the black bird was cheerfully singing
Am **Dm** **G** **D7** **G**
I first met that dear one the joy of my heart
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
Around us for gladness the blue bells were ringing
C **F** **G7** **C**
But then little thought I how soon we should part.

C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
My lips smile no more, my heart loses lightness;
C **F** **G7** **C**
No dream of the future my spirit can cheer.
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
I only can brood on the past and its brightness
C **F** **G** **C**
The dear ones I long for again gather here.
C **Dm** **G** **C**
From ev'ry dark nook they press forward to meet me;
Am **Dm** **G** **D7** **G**
I lift up my eyes to the broad leafy dome,
C **Am** **Dm** **G7**
And others are there, looking downward to greet me
C **F** **G7** **C**
The ash grove, the ash grove, again is my home.

