

Oh My Darling, Clementine

Percy Montrose (1884)

Chorus

G
Oh my darling, oh my darling,
D7
oh my darling Clementine
C G
You are lost and gone forever,
D7 G
dreadful sorry, Clementine.

G
In a cavern, in a canyon,
D7
excavating for a mine;
C G
dwelt a miner, forty-niner,
D7 G
and his daughter Clementine.

G
Light she was, and like a fairy,
D7
And her shoes were number nine,
C G
Herring boxes without topses,
D7 G
Sandals were for Clementine.

Chorus

G
Drove she ducklings to the water
D7
Ev'ry morning just at nine,
C G
Hit her foot upon a splinter,
D7 G
Fell into the foaming brine.

G
Ruby lips above the water,
D7
Blowing bubbles soft and fine,
C G
But alas, I was no swimmer,
D7 G
So I lost my Clementine.

Chorus

C G
You are lost and gone forever,
D7 G
dreadful sorry, Clementine.

Humorous verses

G
In a churchyard near the canyon,
D7
Where the myrtle doth entwine,
C G
There grow rosies and some posies,
D7 G
Fertilized by Clementine.

G
Then, the miner, forty-niner,
D7
Soon began to fret and pine,
C G
Thought he oughter join his daughter,
D7 G
So he's now with Clementine.

Chorus

G
I'm so lonely, lost without her,
D7
Wish I'd had a fishing line,
C G
Which I might have cast about her,
D7 G
Might have saved my Clementine.

G
In my dreams she still doth haunt me,
D7
Robed in garments soaked with brine,
C G
Then she rises from the waters,
D7 G
And I kiss my Clementine.

Chorus

G
Listen fellers, heed the warning
D7
Of this tragic tale of mine,
C G
Artificial respiration
D7 G
Could have saved my Clementine.

G
How I missed her, how I missed her,
D7
How I missed my Clementine,
C G
Til I kissed her little sister,
D7 G
And forgot my Clementine.

Chorus