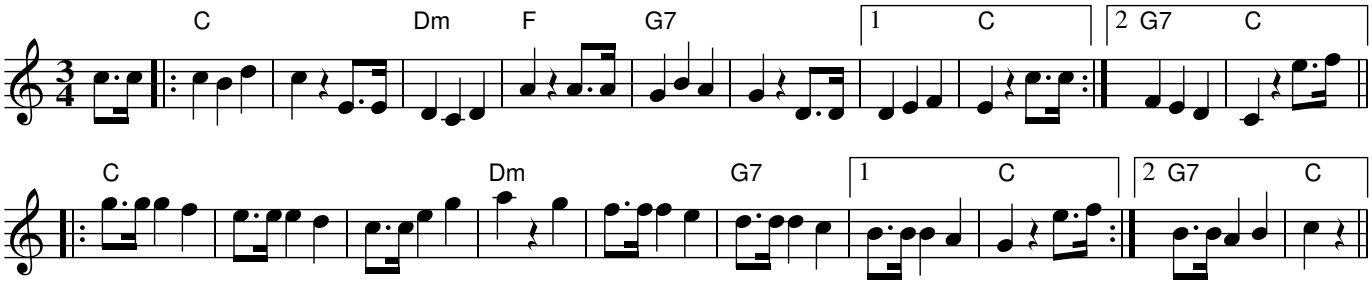
Pub With No Beer Varsovianna



Rhythm: Varsovienne

Source: collected from the Nariel Band
collected by Peter Ellis, 1982

Notes: The original poem was written by Dan Sheehan in 1943, after staying at the Lees Hotel, Brisbane. Beer was rationed to Pubs during WWII and American servicemen had drunk the Lees Hotel dry the previous night. The poem was rewritten by Gordon Parsons in 1956 and presented to Slim Dusty who recorded it in 1957. Slim Dusty based the tune on "Beautiful Dreamer" a tune composed by Stephen Foster about 1862.

History: This tune appeared in a booklet prepared by Peter Ellis and others, for the Binalong, NSW Music Day, 10 Aug 1991.
"Music Makes Me Smile", p160, Pioneer Performer Series, contains a different B part, collected at a dance in Nariel, 1982.