

# Seeing Nellie Home

(a.k.a. "When I Saw Nellie Home", "I Was Seeing Nellie Home" & Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party")

Words & Music:  
Frances Kyle & John Fletcher (1856)

*This tune was first recorded in 1906(!) by the Edison Male Quartette. I remember it from Warner Bros. cartoons.*

G D7 G C G  
In the sky the bright stars glittered, on the bank the pale moon shone.  
G C D7 G  
It was from Aunt Dinah's quilting party I was seeing Nellie home

CHORUS:

G C G C G  
I was seeing Nellie home, I was seeing Nellie home.  
G C D7 G  
It was from Aunt Dinah's quilting party I was seeing Nellie home.

On my arm a soft hand rested, rested light as ocean foam.  
It was from Aunt Dinah's quilting party I was seeing Nellie home.

CHORUS:

On my lips a whisper trembled, trembled till it dared to come.  
It was from Aunt Dinah's quilting party I was seeing Nellie home.

CHORUS:

On my life new hopes were dawning and those hopes have lived and grown.  
It was from Aunt Dinah's quilting party I was seeing Nellie home.

CHORUS:

## **EARLIEST LYRICS VERSION:**

In the sky the bright stars glittered; on the grass the moonlight fell.  
Hush'd the sound of daylight bustle; closed the pink eyed pimpernel.  
As adown the moss grown wood path where the cattle love to roam.  
From an august evening party, I was seeing Nellie home.

CHORUS:

In the sky the bright stars glittered; on the grass the moonlight shone.  
From an august evening party, I was seeing Nellie home.

When the autumn tinged the greenwood; turning all its leaves to the gold  
In the lawn by elders shaded; I my love to Nellie told.  
As we stood together gazing on the star bespangled dome.  
How I blessed the august evening when I saw sweet Nellie home.

CHORUS:

White hairs mingled with my tresses; furrows steal upon my brow.  
But a love smile cheers and blesses life's declining moments now.  
Matron in the snowy kerchief, closer to my bosom come.  
Tell me do'st thou still remember when I saw sweet Nellie home.

CHORUS:

