**When Irish Eyes Are Smiling**

**Words: Chauncy Olcott & George Graff, Jr.; Music by Ernest R. Ball (1912)**

**3/4 Time - Key of C**

**Introduction: 7 Measures with a 2 note pickup**

**F F#dim C A7 D7 G7 C**

**C**

There's a tear in your eye,

And I'm wondering why,

**| C C G7 | C**

For it never should be there at all.

**G7**

With such pow'r in your smile,

**C A7**

Sure a stone you'd be-guile,

**D7 G G7**

So there's never a teardrop should fall.

**C**

When your sweet lilting laughter's

Like some fairy song,

**C C7 F**

And your eyes twinkle bright as can be;

**D7**

You should laugh all the while

**G**

And all other times, smile,

**D7 G G7**

And now smile a smile for me.

**Chorus:**

**C G7 C C7**

When Irish eyes are smiling,

**F C**

Sure, it's like the morn in Spring.

**F C**

In the lilt of Irish laughter

**A D7 G G7**

You can hear the angels sing.

**C C7**

When Irish hearts are happy,

**F C**

All the world seems bright and gay.

**F D7 C A7**

And when Irish eyes are smi-ling,

**D7 G7 C**

Sure they steal your heart away.

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