

David of The White Rock (*Dafydd Y Garreg Wen*)

David Owen
(1712-1741)

Am E Am E Am G

F Dm C G C

C G E Am E

Am Dm Am F Dm E Am

arr. Peter McLaren

David Owen was a harper who lived in the north of Wales near the village of Morfa Bychan. He lived on a farm called 'Garreg Wen' ('White Rock' in English). Tradition has it that as he lay on his death bed (aged just 29) Owen called for his harp and composed this haunting tune. A century later the Welsh poet and folk tune collector John Ceiriog Hughes (1832-1887) set words to Owen's melody.



'Garreg Wen' – the home of harper David Owen (1712-1741)