

THE GREAT WALTZ OF CHINA

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Chords: D, G, D, A/C#, Bm, Bm/A, Gsus2, D, G, Bm, F#m, A, D, G, D, A/C#, Bm, Bm/A, G, D, A, G, A, (F#m), Bm, G, D/F, Em, A, F#m, Bm, G, D, G, D, Em, A6, A, D, G, D, A/C#, Bm, A/B, G, D, A, G, A7, D.

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"The Great Waltz of China" was a forgotten pundit's winning submission to the 1985 Ashokan Celtic Week Original Tune Title Competition. Later that summer, during Northern Week, I sat alone one dawn at the piano in the dance hall and wrote a tune to go with the name. Attentive listeners will note a judiciously pentatonic melody ensnared midst a decidedly Western harmonic substrate. A mystery of music — that one heart's sad and lonely moments may help another's sun rise some day." CD/cassette/tunebook *All the Time in the World (And a Little Bit More)*, Mark Simos/Samizdat Music, 45 Shea Road, Cambridge, MA 02140-1225. Also recorded on *The Great Waltz* by Childsplay (www.childsplay.org).