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Are Ye Sleepin', Maggie?

Traditional
 arr. by Bronco Hutchings

Em D Em Em/B B Em
 ♩=100 (Opt. 2nd time: improvisation)



ABOUT THE MUSIC

A dark, cold and stormy night doesn't stop this man trying to call on his lover, Maggie. With the rain beating down and the crash of thunder around him, he makes it to her house but alas, there's no answer; it seems she might be asleep!

Are Ye Sleepin' Maggie? dates back to eighteenth century, with the lyrics adapted from a poem by Robert Tannahill.

The attractive melody is in the natural minor (aeolian mode) and has plenty of space for embellishment or improvising over.

For those wondering how the story ends...the caller's persistence pays off as Maggie is awakened and lets him in:

*"Blow your worst you rain and wind
 since, Maggie, now I'm beside you!"*