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He gained my heart and liberty
He gained my heart and good free will
I must confessI love him still
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I wish, I wish, I wish in vain I wish I was a maid again A maid again I ne'er shall be For that young farmer lay with me.

There is a house in yonder town Where my love goes and sits him down He takes a strange girl on his knee He tells her things he won't tell me He tells her things he won't tell me

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There is a bird in yonder tree Some say he's blind and cannot see I wish it was the same with me When first I met your company When first I met your company

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I wish my little babe was born And I poor girl was dead and gone And then from love I will be free With green grass growing over me With green grass growing over me

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