

The Green Boy

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First blood

The man in breeches leans against the wall
And keeps a green-striped clove ball in his pouch
You know him as your friend but he is filling in for someone

First come

The girl in breeches bends her head and sighs
And rubs a green-striped gourd across her palm
You know her as your love but she is marking time just marking time

Hold to me, say to me, kiss to me, fall for me, do to me
What you will
Hold to me, say to me, kiss to me, fall for me, do to me
What you will

And all the answers are the same as they have been before
And all the questions are the same as you've been looking for,
my friend

First served

The man in green-striped tights is now inside
He picks his teeth with fragments of his lute
You chose him as your guard and he is here with you and no one else
There's no one else

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What you will, what you will

One, two, three
Four, five, six