

## John Riley

### Asonance

1. Fair young maid all in a garden  
strange young man passerby  
said "Fair maid will you marry me?"  
this then sir was her reply.
2. "Oh no kind sir I cannot marry thee  
for I've a love who sails all on the seas  
he's been gone for seven years  
still no man shall marry me."
3. "What if he's in some battle slain  
or drowned in the deep salt sea  
what if he's found another love  
and he and his love both married be?"
4. "If he's in some battle slain  
I will die when the moon doth wane  
if he's drowned in the deep salt sea  
I'll be true to his memory."
5. "And if he's found another love  
and he and his love both married be  
I wish them health and happiness  
where they dwell across the sea."
6. He picked her up all in his arms  
and kisses gave her one two three  
saying "Weep no more my own true love  
I am your long lost John Riley."