

## Ballad of Geraldine

Donovan

Oh, I was born with the name Geraldine  
With hair coal black as a raven  
I traveled my life without a care  
Ah, but all my love I was savin'

Oh, the winds blew high and the trees did sway  
Not much from life was I askin'  
Till I met someone to give all my love  
All my love, so long an' lastin'

Oh, good were the parts, we played in our game  
And a long ways off was tomorrow  
But my love was a rambler and as restless as the sea  
And in the tide came sorrow

Oh, a child of the night is goin' to be born  
I can't explain my confusion  
Is my love thinkin' to marry me at all?  
Or of the freedom he thinks he'll be losin'?

I sit with my friends in the gay crowded room  
My friends, they're smokin' and they're talkin'  
But it all seems so empty, my love is not there  
So I'll go into the streets a-walkin'

My baby is a-growin' as a-growin' it must  
If I were to lose it, it would grieve me  
My love is so helpless and I'm wonderin' what to do  
Oh, how I yearn to help him

Oh, we could go to the land of your choice  
Where the false shame won't come knockin' at our door  
I've a feelin' in my heart and it's crushin' all my hopes  
I think, I'm gonna be hurt some more

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