One Morning

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One mornin', one mornin' as work I begun What did I see ridin' out of the sun On the road from Lexington

One rider, one rider beatin' the breeze Down on his saddle, low to his knees Comin' through my willow trees

Now closer, the terrible work of the gun Was stiffened and black where his blood all had run But I knew my wayward son

One mornin', one mornin' the boy of my breast Came to my door unable to rest Even in the arms of death