

## The Silky Veils of Ardor

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I am a poor wayfaring stranger  
Traveling through all these highs and lows  
I heard there was no sickness  
And no toil or danger  
Just mercy and plenty  
Where peaceful waters flow  
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Come all you fair and tender school girls  
Be careful now--when you court young men  
They are like the stars  
On a summer morning  
They sparkle up the night  
And they're gone again  
Daybreak--gone again

If I'd only seen through the silky veils of ardor  
What a killing crime this love can be  
I would have locked up my heart  
In a golden sheath of armor  
And kept its crazy beating  
Under strictest secrecy  
High security

I wish I had the wings  
Of Noah's pretty little white dove  
So I could fly this raging river  
To reach the one I love  
But I have no wings  
And the water is so wide  
We'll have to row a little harder  
It's just in dreams we fly  
In my dreams we fly!