

# Lily Of The Valley

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They called her Lily of the Valley  
And she lived beside the river  
The youngest of her sisters  
And the prettiest of them all  
She was courted by the men in town  
She could have married anyone  
The one she made her husband  
Was the handsomest of all.

They were married in a chapel  
Lily bore him seven children  
And every night he put her down  
And made her feel ashamed.

He took the face she used to wear  
And put a look of sorrow there  
The more he made her suffer  
The more she felt to blame

No more tears Lily  
Don't cry anymore  
Tears of yours won't fall another time.  
Don't cry Lilly  
We know how you've tried  
Fighting for your life was not a crime.

One night Lily turned to him  
Before he raised his hand to her  
One more time she said, and not again  
He laughed and threw another punch  
The blow knocked Lily to the floor,  
Somehow she grabbed the kitchen knife  
And stabbed her husband dead.

The jury they decided it was murder in the first degree  
They said she had provoked him  
With her wild and wicked talk.  
They hanged her by the river  
Where so many times she wandered  
And left her children motherless  
In sorrow and in shock.

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A soldier in a uniform is meant to kill the enemy  
But Lilly in her own defense was framed to take the fall  
Her children watched their father beat their mother all too often  
The battlefields of families are the saddest of them all.

The willow weeps for Lily  
As its branches touch the water  
The wind is crying, "Lily"  
As it sighs along the shore  
The river's singing "Lily --  
We all know that you are innocent"  
You were promised marriage  
But you had to fight a war.

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