Sweet William

I saw you kiss sweet William In a forest of red leaves The rain ran cold against my neck The wind lay down to sleep

I walked all night in stillness And I walked all day as well I walked across the desert plains And through the jagged hills

I slept inside the north wind In a coracle at sea And in the deepest darkest woods My dreams sang songs to me

I dreamed I killed sweet William And I kissed his cold white brow I washed his body in the lake And I sewed his eyelids down

Sing a song of sixpence Battles in the past tense Picked out by the snow

If I should find sweet William Lying pale beneath the snow I'll row out to the deepest depths And let sweet William go

I'll watch him sink beneath the flood And back to where he came And pray to God and death and blood I might forget his name