

## Patience

Will Oldham

I wasn't born a fisherman  
And I wasn't born a schoolgirl  
And I wasn't born a tree of leaves  
And I wasn't born o lordy lord  
Cause I was a bold and tireless worker

And I wasn't born an Indian  
And I wasn't born Arabian  
And I wasn't born a man with a dream to just let it falter

And I wasn't born o! a welldigger  
And I wasn't born o! a fleshy thing  
And I wasn't born a thing to be scorned, a thing to be ignored

And I will align myself with nothing  
And I will enjoin my heart with no-one's  
Cause I was untried when I was applied  
The light of birth

And I wasn't born o! to tell the truth  
And I wasn't born o! to sleep with Ruth  
We're miles apart and I have no heart for weeks between couplin  
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Well, I could bide my time with girls that live in town  
Those who seem always to be hanging around  
But it would not seem right to pass the night with one not my t  
rue love

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