

The Constant Farmer's Son



There was a pret-ty fair maid, in Lond - don she did dwell. She was
come - ly fair and hand - some, Her par - ents loved her well. She was
wooed by lord and nob - le - man, But all their love was vain. There
was but one, the far - mer's son, Who Ma - ry's heart did gain.

Long time young William courted her, they fixed the wedding day.
Her parents they did give consent, but her brothers they did say,
“There is a lord who has pledged his word and him she shall not shun.
First we’ll betray and then we’ll slay the constant farmer’s son.”

There was a fair not far from town, her brothers they did say.
They asked young William’s company to spend with them the day.
But back returning home again they swore his race he had run,
And with a stake the life did take of the constant farmer’s son.

And then returning home again to Mary they did say,
“Oh, think no more of your false love, but let him go his way,
Oh, think no more of your false love; he has courted some other one
And we the same have come to tell of the constant farmer’s son.

As Mary on her pillow lay she dreamed a horrid dream,
She dreamed she saw her own true love down by a purling stream.
So Mary rose, put on her clothes, to meet her love did run.
In yonder vale he is cold and pale, her constant farmer’s son.

She kissed him once, she kissed him twice, she kissed him ten times o’er,
While bitter tears down from her eyes they constantly did pour.
She gathered green leaves from the trees to keep him from the sun
And night and day she passed away with her constant farmer’s son.

Up speaks her eldest brother and swore it was not he,
And then up speaks the younger one and swore most bitterly.
But Mary said, "You needn't look so red, nor try the law to shun,
For you've done the deed and you shall bleed for my constant farmer's son."

These villains confessed the murder and for the same did die.
Young Mary she did fade away, and never ceased to cry.
Her parents they did pass away, the glass of life had run.
Poor Mary sighed and then she died for her constant farmer's son.