

The Shepherdess

'Tis of a shep-herd's daugh - ter a - guard-ing of her sheep A -
ly - ing on the green all a - lone, The weath-er be-ing warm she -
fell fast a - sleep And by chance, a young sai - lor passed a - long.

Then seeing this fair maid as she lay on the green,
The fairest maid that he had ever seen,
A-kissing of her lips as she lay fast asleep,
Saying, "You've won my fond heart away from me."

She being so surprised, she opened her eyes
And saw this young sailor standing by.
"Oh, young man," said she, "How came you here by me?"
And then she began for to cry.

"I have just come ashore from the ship lying yonder,
I have come to the shore all alone.
And, oh, my dearest dear, may I find some comfort here,
Or I am forever undone."
"Oh, young man," said she, "If I could fancy thee,
However [sic] could I give my consent?
When you were on the seas I could never take my ease;
I'd be left here alone to lament."

"Oh, shepherdess," said he, "If you will marry me,
I have gold and I have silver in store.
The sea I would forsake and a promise I would make;
I would never go to sea any more [sic]."

Oh, then they did agree, and married were next day.
The shepherdess the sailor does adore;
In love, joy and peace may their happiness increase,
And he never went to sea any more [sic].