'Twas in the year of '82,
In the springtime of the year,
I left my mother and a home so dear
All for that girl on the greenbriar shore.
My mother, she says, "Son, don't go.
Don't leave me here alone.
Don't leave your mother and a home so dear.
Never trust a girl on the greenbriar shore."

But I was young and reckless too, And I craved a reckless life. I left my mother and a home so dear And I took that girl to be my wife.

Her hair was dark and curly too And her lovin' eyes were blue; Her cheeks were like the red red rose That girl I loved from the greenbriar shore.

The years rolled on and the months rolled by; She left me all alone. Now I remember what my momma said, "Never trust the girl on the greenbriar shore."