

Ballad of Geraldine

Donovan

Oh, I was born with the name Geraldine
With hair coal black as a raven
I traveled my life without a care
Ah, but all my love I was savin'

Oh, the winds blew high and the trees did sway
Not much from life was I askin'
Till I met someone to give all my love
All my love, so long an' lastin'

Oh, good were the parts, we played in our game
And a long ways off was tomorrow
But my love was a rambler and as restless as the sea
And in the tide came sorrow

Oh, a child of the night is goin' to be born
I can't explain my confusion
Is my love thinkin' to marry me at all?
Or of the freedom he thinks he'll be losin'?

I sit with my friends in the gay crowded room
My friends, they're smokin' and they're talkin'
But it all seems so empty, my love is not there
So I'll go into the streets a-walkin'

My baby is a-growin' as a-growin' it must
If I were to lose it, it would grieve me
My love is so helpless and I'm wonderin' what to do
Oh, how I yearn to help him

Oh, we could go to the land of your choice
Where the false shame won't come knockin' at our door
I've a feelin' in my heart and it's crushin' all my hopes
I think, I'm gonna be hurt some more

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