

## Why There's a Tear in My Eye

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I once loved a beautiful maiden  
As fair as the blue skies above  
And each night as we wondered together  
The moon seemed to smile on our love

We vowed to be true to each other  
That nothing could cause us to part  
But we never once dreamed that the future  
Held only a broken heart

Then there came the night when we parted  
We quarreled as all sweethearts do  
And I learned what it as to be jealous  
When they told me her love was untrue

She told me that she'd always be faithful  
She swore that her love wouldn't die  
And then when I did not believe her  
She kissed me and told me good bye

I found I had falsely accused her  
AAnd went back to make her my bride  
And there in the door stood her mother  
She told me my sweetheart had died

I went in and knelt down beside her  
And there in the midst of that room  
I prayed that my maker would take me  
And send my soul down to it's doom

So now I have told you the reason  
There's always a tear in my eye  
Through long weary years I've repented  
But I'm longing to lay down and die

And I wonder if I'll be forgiven  
When I praise the master some day  
And I wonder if I'll see my sweetheart  
On that wonderful shore far away