When I was a young man courtin' the girls
I played me a waiting game
If a maid refused me with tossing curls
I let the old earth take a couple of whirls,
While I plied her with tears in lieu of pearl
And as time came around she came my way
As time came around she came.

Oh, it's a long, long while from May to December But the days grow short when you reach September When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame One hasn't got time for the waiting game

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