

## John Riley

Judy Collins

A fair young maid was in her garden  
Strange young man came riding by  
He said fair maid, will you marry me?  
And this answer was her reply

Oh no kind sir I cannot marry thee  
For I've a love and he sails the sea  
And though he's been gone for seven years  
Still he will return to me

Well, what if he's in some battle slain  
Or if he's been drowned in the deep salt sea  
Or if he's found another love  
And he and his love both married be

If he's in some battle slain  
Then I shall die when the moon doth wane  
And if he's drowned in the deep salt sea  
Still I'm true to his memory

And if he's found another love  
And he and his love both married be  
I wish them health and happiness  
Where they live across the sea

He picked her up in his arms so strong  
And kisses he gave her one two three  
Said weep no more my own true love  
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