

# Bluebeard

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The maiden said I'll marry you  
I'll be yours and I'll be true  
I'll consent to be your bride  
All my days, at your side  
That is how I'll live my life  
A maiden no more

Her mother and her sister warned  
The man, he was not natural born  
His eyes were black and his beard was blue  
But the maiden saw her own love true  
There was nothing they could do  
Maiden no more

The man gave her a ring of keys  
Professed his love down on his knees  
Said everything I have is free  
But this one door and this one key  
He said, don't you look in there  
Or I'll kill you cold and dead, I swear  
Gave her such a weight to bear

Then the man, he rode away  
And the bride went wild night and day  
Only to find she wanted more  
She had the key, she found the door  
Chain and blood was on the floor  
A stain that was not there before  
Maiden no more  
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The man came back to her life  
To cut her with the cold grey knife  
To lay her there with all the rest  
Blood and bones and faded dress  
To cast her to the deep darkness  
But the man with his intentions stated  
Found he'd underestimated  
The forces of the sea and the sand  
The light and the life of the land  
All rose up with a hundred hands  
All rose up and killed that man  
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