

## The False Bride

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I once loved a lass and I loved her so well  
And I hated all others who spoke of her ill  
And now she's rewarded me well for my love  
For she's gone and she's wed another

And I saw my love up to the church go  
With bridesmen and bridesmaidens she made a fine show  
And I followed on with my heart full of woe  
For she's gone and she's wed another

I saw my love as she sat down to dine  
I sat down beside her and poured the wine  
And I thought of the lassie that should have been mine  
I thought her sweet company better than meat  
Now she's gone and she's wed another

All the men in yon forest they asked of me  
How many strawberries grow in a salt sea?  
And I answer them with a tear in my e'e  
How many ships sail in the forest?

Oh, dig me a grave and dig it sae deep  
And cover it over with wee flowers sae sweet  
And I lay me down for to take a long sleep  
And maybe in time I'll forget her

So they dug him a grave and they dug it sae deep  
And they covered it over with wee flowers sae sweet  
And he lay him down for to take a long sleep  
And maybe in time he'll forget her