

The Prickly Bush

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oh the prickly bush, it pricks my heart full sore
and if ever i'm out of the prickly bush
i'll never get in it any more.

hangman, oh hangman, hold your rope awhile
i think i see my father over yonder stile.
father did you bring me gold or have you brought any
fee
for to save my body from the cold, clay ground
and my neck from the gallows tree?

no i didn't bring you gold nor have i brought any fee
but i have come to see you hung upon the gallows tree.

hangman, oh hangman, hold your rope a while
i think i see my brother over yonder stile.
brother did you bring me gold or have you brought any
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for to save my body from the cold, clay ground
and my neck from the gallows tree?

no i didn't bring you gold nor have i brought any fee
but i have come to see you hung upon the gallows tree.

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i think i see my sister coming over yonder stile.
sister did you bring me gold or have you brought any
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for to save my body from the cold, clay ground
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i think i see my lover over yonder stile.
lover did you bring me gold or have you brought any fee
for to save my body from the cold, clay ground
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yes i have brought you gold, yes i brought you the fee
and i've not come to see you hung upon the gallows
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