

Poor Ellen Smith

The Kingston Trio

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They picked up her body, carried it away
And now she's a-sleepin' in some lonesome old grave.
Who had the heart and who had the brain
To shoot my little Ellen on that cold lonesome plain?

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They picked up their rifles and hunted us down.
They found us a-loafin' all 'round town.
The judge may convict me and God knows he can
But I know I died as an innocent man.

The warden has told me that soon I'll be free
To go to her grave near that old willow tree.
I'm free from the walls of that prison at last
But I'll never be free from my sins from the past.

I said 'X' marks the spot where poor Ellen, was found.