

# Her True Love Came a'Courting

Her true love came a courting, a courting well he came  
Though poor as any pauper, she loved him all the same  
She loved him as the morning sun loves the early dew  
He loved her as fair cupid favors well the bending yew

Her father most concerned decided wealthier she'd wed  
Promised that the miller would soon share her marriage bed  
So challenging the whims of fate she vowed to turn the tide  
And so she took her suitors both unto the water's side

**Ch: Singing Hey Ho into the spray he goes  
Hey Ho into the river she flies  
Hey Ho as the wind and rain and the leaves do fall  
Hey Ho true love never dies**

From off her slightest finger, she pulled a silver ring  
And promised he who found it first would marry her come spring  
But slyly did she slip a stone into her grasp instead  
And tossed it oh so cleverly into the riverbed

Then both men leapt into the spray to meet her heart's demand  
She planned to slip her silver ring into her lover's hand  
So cunningly she crafted fate toward all she could wish  
And smugly watched the miller rise like some befuddled fish **(Ch)**

Her triumph all but in her grasp she thought she'd won the game  
Her one true love had yet to rise so thrice she called his name  
So suddenly her worry flared well fueled by her fears  
In horror saw what she had done and many were her tears

She threw her cloak from off her back and leapt into the spray  
She found herself imperiled as the river had its way  
The icy current dragged her down, drowning out her cry  
Just then her lover caught her hands and pulled her to the sky **(Ch)**

Her true love pulled her to the shore, the mud was thick and cold  
He cut the corset from her breast and kissed her full and bold  
The water trapped within her rose and spared her cruel death  
She slipped the ring into his hand before she drew first breath

He knew the trick at once and laughed to share their secret jest  
He raised the ring to show the miller he had won the test  
Come spring the two were married and they lived there till this day  
And all along the river side, their clever children play **(Ch) (Ch)**