On a Bright May Morning

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As I roved out on a bright May morning To view the meadows and flowers gay Whom should I spy but my own true lover As she sat under you willow treeI took off my hat and I did salute her I did salute her most courageously When she turned around well the tears fell from her Saying, False young man, you've deluded meA diamond ring I owned I gave you A diamond ring to wear on your right hand But the vows you made, love, you went and broke them And married the lassie that had the landIf I'd married the lassie that had the land, my love It's that I'll rue till the day I die When misfortune falls sure no man can shun it I was blindfolded I'll ne'er denyNow at nights when I go to my bed of slumber My thoughts of my true love run in my mind When I turned around to embrace my darling Instead of gold sure it's brass I findAnd I wish the Queen would call home her army From the West Indies, America and Spain And every man to his wedded woman In hopes that you and I will meet again

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