

# Barbara Allen

## Billie Joe + Norah

T'was in the merry month of May  
When flowers were a-bloomin'  
Sweet Willie on his deathbed lay  
For the love of Barbara Allen He sent his servant to the town  
The town where she did dwell in  
Saying "Master dear has sent me here  
If your name is Barbara Allen" Then slowly, slowly she got up  
And slowly she went to him  
And all she said when she got there  
"Young man, I think you're dying" "Oh don't you remember the other day  
When we were in the tavern?  
You drank your health to the ladies there  
And you slighted Barbara Allen" He turned his face unto the wall  
He turned his back upon her  
so long farewell to all my friends  
Be kind to Barbara Allen" She looked to the east, she looked to the west  
She saw his corpse a-comin'  
"Oh sit him down for me" she cried  
"That I may gaze upon him" The more she looked the more she grieved  
She bursted out to cryin'  
Sayin' "Pick me up and carry me home  
For I feel like I am dyin'" They buried Willie in the old churchyard  
And Barbara in the new one  
From Willie's grave there grew a rose  
From Barbara's a green briar They grew and grew to the old church wall  
And could not grow no higher  
And there they died in a true love-knot  
The rosebush and the briar

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