

# The Willow Maid

## Erutan

A young man walked through the forest  
with his quiver and hunting bow  
he heard a young girl singing  
and followed the sound below  
there he found the maiden  
who lives in the willow  
he called to her as she listened  
round a ring of toadstools red  
come with me my maiden  
come from thy willow bed  
she looked at his serenely  
and only shook her head

see me now  
a ray of light in the moondance  
see me now  
I cannot leave this place  
hear me now  
a strain of song in the forest  
don't ask me  
to follow where you lead

a young man walked through the forest  
with a flower and coat of green  
his love had hair like fire  
her eyes and emerald sheen  
she wrapped herself in beauty  
so young and so serene  
he stood there under the willow  
and he gave her the yellow bloom  
girl my heart you've captured  
oh I would be your groom  
she said she'd wed him never  
not near, nor far, nor soon

see me now  
a ray of light in the moondance  
see me now  
I cannot leave this place

hear me now  
a strain of song in the forest  
don't ask me  
to follow where you lead

a young man walked through the forest  
with an axe sharp as a knife  
I'll take the green eyed fairy  
and she shall be my wife  
with her I'll raise my children  
with her I'll live my live  
the maiden wept when she heard him  
when he said he'd set her free  
he took his axe and used it  
to bring down her ancient tree  
now your willow's fallen  
now you belong to me

see me now  
a ray of light in the moondance  
see me now  
I cannot leave this place  
hear me now  
a ray of light in the moondance  
don't ask me  
to follow where you lead

she followed him out the forest  
and collapsed upon the earth  
her feet had walked but a distance  
from the green land of her birth  
she faded into a flower  
that would bloom for one bright eve  
he could not take from the forest  
what was never meant to leave

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