Down From Dover

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I know this dress I'm wearing doesn't hide the secret I have tried concealing
When he left he promised me that he'd be back by the time it was revealing
The sun behind a cloud just casts the crawling shadow o'er the fields of clover
And the time is running out for me I wish that he would hurry down from DoverHe's been gone so long when he left the show was deep upon the ground
And I have seen a spring and summer pass and now the leaves are turning brown
And any time a tiny face will show itself 'cause waiting's almost over
But I won't have a name to give it if he doesn't hurry down from DoverMy folks weren't understanding when they found out they sent me from the home place
My daddy if folks found out he'd be ashamed to ever show his face
My mamma said I was a fool and she did not believe it when I told her
That everything would be all right 'cause soon he would be coming down from DoverI loved him more than anything and I could not refuse him when he needed me
He was the only one I'd loved and I just can't believe that he was using me
He couldn't leave me here like this I know it can't be so it can't be over
He wouldn't make me go through this so long, oh he'll be coming down from DoverMy body aches the time is here it's lonely in this place where I'm lyin'
Out baby has been born but something's wrong it's much too still I hear no cryin'
I guess in some strange way she knew she'd never have a father's arms to hold her
And dying was her way of telling me he wasn't coming down from Dover

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