The Streets of Derry

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After the morning there comes an evening And after the evening another day And after a false love there comes a true love I'd have you listen now to what I sayI swear my love is the finest young man As fair as any the sun shines on But how to save him, I do not know it For he has got a sentence to be hungAs he was marching the streets of Derry I own he marched up right manfully Being much more like a commanding officer Than a man to die upon the gallows tree"What keeps my love she's so long in coming Oh what detains her so long from me Or does she think it a shame or scandal To see me die upon the gallows tree"He looked around and he saw her coming And she was dressed all in woollen fine The weary steed that my love was riding It flew more swifftly than the windCome down, come down from that cruel gallows I've got your pardon from the king And I'll let them see that they dare not hang you And I'll crown my love with a bunch of green

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