

I Wish I Had Never Seen No Man At All

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1. I wish I had never seen no man at all,
Since love's been a grief and has proved my downfall
Since love's been a grief and a tyrant to me,
Then I lose my love fighting for his sweet liberty.
2. Some people come to me and thus they do say:
"Your love he is 'listed and gone far away."
But if ever he return I will crown him with joy
And I'll kiss the sweet lips of my own darling boy.
3. I wish I had never seen his curly hair,
Nor yet had I been in his company there,
With his red rosy cheeks and his rolling dark eye,
And his flattering tongue caused my poor heart to sigh.
4. If I'd wings like a linnet, oh where would I fly,
I would fly to the arms of my dear darling boy.
Then in his soft bosom I'd build up my nest
And I'd lay my head down on his soft snowy breast.
5. Some say I'm with child but that I'll deny
Some say I'm with child but I'll prove it a lie
I'll tarry a while and soon let them know
That he likes me too well to serve me so.
6. Oh some do wear spensions but I do wear none,
And they that don't love me can leave me alone,
They can have me or leave me or else let me go,
For I don't care a straw if they have me or no.
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