Its Forty Long Miles

- It's forty long miles I've travelled this way,
 I saw a fine cottage all on the highway,
 Such as I never had seen before and before,
 Such as I never had seen before.
- Oh! I boldly step up and I knock at the door,
 I heard a fair lass skape over the floor,
 And she loud-a-ly cried, "Who's there, who's there?"
 And she loud-a-ly cried, "Who's there?"
- 3 "Oh! it rains and it blows and it hails and it snows, And I am got wet through all my clothes, So I pray you, love, open the door, oh! the door, So I pray you love open the door."
- 4 "Oh! no, oh! no, it never can be,For there's no-one to dwell in this cottage but me,So I pray you begone from my door, my door,So I pray you begone from my door."
- I turned myself round some miles for to go, The stormy winds, they began for to blow, Then she called me back again and again, Then she called me back again.
- 6 "You take off your wet and put on your dry,
 You go into bed and quietly lie,
 And quickly I will be there, will be there,
 And quickly I will be there"
- We passed all the night in sweet content, And the very next day to the church we went, Then I made her my lawful bride, my bride, Then I made her my lawful bride.
- 8 Come all you young men whoever you be, Kiss all the pretty fair maid that ever you see, They'll call you back again and again, They'll call you back again.

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