

THE GIRL WHO SLIGHTED ME

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And I'll go down to yonder valley, and I'll meet my heart's delight,
And I'll sit and sing with you, Mary, from morning until night.

And I'll buy my love a bottle, and I'll place it in her hand,
And I'll fill and drink, dear Mary, while courtship is to stand.
Fill and drink, dear Mary, let the bottle remain with me,
Ten guineas for a wager, it's married we'll never be.

I was coming from church last Sunday, and my love she passed me by,
And I knew her mind was altered by the rolling of her eye.
I knew her mind was altered by a lad of a high degree,
Oh Mary, my love Mary, your looks have wounded me.

'Oh Johnny, don't you remember when first you slighted me?
You thought then for to slight me as you did with two or three.
You thought then for to slight me and you slowly passed me by,
Oh Johnny, my love, Johnny, your love I must deny.'

If you ever meet with a pretty girl with a dark and a rolling eye,
Hold her in your arms, don't tell her the reason why.
Hold her in your arms till you cause her heart to yield,
Like many's the fair young soldier lad has done upon the field.

Fare thee well old Santyfields, and fare thee well Dunmore,¹
Fare thee well old Ireland, shall I ever see you more?
Americay lies far away, it's a place I'll soon go see
My curse, my curse and ten times worse on the girl that slighted me.

¹ Editor's note: The exact location referenced by 'Santyfields' is unknown. Dunmore may refer to a town in north Co Galway or to Dunmore East, a coastal town in Co Waterford that was involved in trade with Newfoundland throughout the 18th and into the 19th century.