

Barbry Ellen

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5 7 6 5
All in the merry month of May
 5 4 3/5
When the green buds they were swellin'
5 6 7 5
Young William Green on his death bed lay
5 6 7 6\5 5 4 3
For the love of Barbry Ellen

5 7 6 5
He sent his servant to the town
5 4 3/5
To the place where she was dwellin'
5 6 7 5
Saying, "Master's sick and he sends for
you
5 6 7 6\5 5 4 3
If your name be Barbry Ellen"

5 7 6 5
So slowly, slowly she got up
 5 4 3/5
And slowly she came a-nigh him
 6 7 5
And all she said when she got there
 6 7 6\5 5 4 3
"Young man, I believe you're dyin'"

Oh, yes, I'm low, I'm very low
And death is on me dwellin'
No better, no better I'll never be
If I can't get Barbry Ellen

Oh, yes, you're low, and very low
And death is on you dwellin'
No better, no better you'll never be
For you can't get Barbry Ellen

For don't you remember in yonder stand
In yonder stand a-drinkin'
You drunk the health of the ladies all
around
And you slighted Barbry Ellen?

Oh, yes, I remember in yonder stand
In yonder stand a drinkin'
I gave my health to the ladies all around
But not to Barbry Ellen

He turned his pale face to the wall
For death was on him dwellin'
Adieu, adieu, you good neighbors all
Adieu, sweet Barbry Ellen

As she was goin' across the fields
She heard those death bells a' knellin'
And ev'ry stroke the death bell give
Hard-hearted Barbry Ellen

Oh, Mother, oh, Mother, go make my bed
make it both long and narrow
Young William's died for me today
And I'll die for him tomorrow

Oh, she was buried 'neath the old church
tower
And he was buried all nigh her
And out of his bosom grew a red, red rose
Out of Barbry's grew a green briar

They grew and they grew up the old
church tower
Until they could grow no higher
They locked in tight in a true lover's knot
Red rose wrapped 'round the green briar