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Donovan "The Ballad Of Geraldine"

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Oh, I was born with the name Geraldine

With hair coal black as a raven.

I travelled my life without a care,

Ah, but all my love I was savin'.

Oh, the winds blew high and the trees did sway,

Not much from life was I askin'.

Till I met someone to give all my love,

All my love, so long an' lasting.

Oh, good were the parts we played in our game

And a long ways off was tomorrow.

But my love was a rambler

and restless as the sea,

And in the tide came sorrow.

Oh, a child of the night is goin' to be born,

I can't explain my confusion.

Is my love thinkin' to marry me at all

Or of the freedom he thinks he'll be losin'?

I sit with my friends in the gay crowded room,

My friends they're smokin' and a-talkin'.

But it all seems so empty, my love is not there,

So I'll go into the streets a-walkin'.

My baby is a-growin' as a-growin' it must,

If I were to lose it, it would grieve me.

My love is so helpless and I'm wonderin' what to do.

Oh, how I yearn to help him.

Oh, we could go to the land of your choice

Where the false shame won't come knockin' at our door.

I've a feeling in my heart

and it's crushing all my hopes,

I think I'm gonna be hurt some more,

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