

## **Dubaldo Marie Claire**

### **"Maid Of The Sweet Brown Knowe"**

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Come, all you lads and lassies, and listen to me a  
While  
I'll sing to you a verse or two that will surely make  
You smile  
Concerning a young man I'm going to tell you now  
Who has lately came a-courtin' the maid of the sweet  
Brown knowe

This young man says, "My pretty maid, will you come  
Along with me?  
We'll both fly off together, and happy we will be  
We'll join our hands in wedlock bands as I'm speaking  
With you now  
And I'll do my best endeavor for the maid of the sweet  
Brown knowe"

This fair and fickle young thing, she knew not what to  
Say  
Her eyes did shine like diamonds bright and merrily  
did  
Play  
She says, "Young man, your love's subdued, for I'm not  
Ready now  
And I'll spend another season at the foot of the sweet  
Brown knowe

The young man said: "My pretty maid, how can you  
answer

So?  
See down in yonder valley where my crops do gently  
grow  
Down in yonder valley I have horses, men and plow  
And they're at the daily labor for the maid of the  
Sweet brown knowe"

"If they're at their daily labor, kind sir, 't is not  
For me  
I've heard of your behavior, I have indeed," said she  
"There is an inn where you call in, I've heard the  
People say

And you rap and you call and you pay for all and go  
Home at the break of day

"If I rap and I call and I pay for all, the money it is  
My own  
And I'll never spend your fortune, for I hear that you  
Got none  
You thought you had my poor heart won, by meeting  
with  
Me now  
But I'll leave you where I found you: At the foot of  
The sweet brown knowe"

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