

The Byrds "John Riley"

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(B. Gibson and R. Neff)

Fair young maid all in her garden
Strange young man came riding by
Saying fair young maid will you marry me
And this then sir was her reply
Oh, no kind sir I cannot marry thee
For I've a love who sails the deep salt sea
Though he's been gone these seven years
Still no man shall marry me
What if he's died all in some battle slain
Or if he's drowned in the deep salt sea
What if he's found some another love
He and his new love both married be
If he's found some other love
He and his new love both married be
I wish them health and happiness
Where they now live all across the sea
He picked her up all in his arms
And kisses gave her one two and three
Saying weep no more my own true love
I am your long lost John Riley
Saying weep no more my own true love
For I'm your long lost John Riley
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