

Jim Reeves

"Wildwood Flower"

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(words by Maude Irving, music by J.B. Webster)

Oh I'll twine 'mid the ringlets of my raven black hair
The lilies so pale and the roses so fair.
The myrtle so bright with an emerald hue
and the pale aronatus with eyes of bright blue.

I'll sing and I'll dance, my laugh shall be gay
I'll cease this wild weeping, drive sorrow away.
Though my heart now is breaking, he never shall know
That his name made me tremble and my pale cheeks
to glow.

I'll think of him never, I'll be wildly gay
I'll charm every heart and the crowd I will sway.
I'll live yet to see him regret the dark hour
When he won, then neglected the frail wildwood flower.

He told me he loved me and promised to love
Through ill and misfortune all others above.
Another has won him, ah misery to tell
He left me in silence, no word of farewell.

He taught me to love him, he called me his flower
That blossomed for him all the brighter each hour.
But I woke from my dreaming, my idol was clay
My visions of love have all faded away...

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