

## Kate Rusby

### "The Wishing Wife"

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Once upon a time there was a man who scorned his  
wife  
He was never happy with his lot or with his life  
His manners they were miserable  
And he couldn't be polite  
and his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'll hear me  
I wish with all I see  
Take this man and make him small  
As small as he can be...

This man he was as spoilt as the cat that got the cream  
He would shout and swear and carry on like you have  
never seen  
Childlike and stubborn  
like a mule by the sea  
then his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'd hear me  
I wish with all I see  
Take this man and make him kind  
As kind as he can be...

This man he took no pleasure in the beauty of the land  
Money was the only thing that he could understand  
Selfish as a clam he was  
Let all the rest be damned  
then his wife found a wishing well one morning

She said I wish to all you'll hear me  
I wish with all I see  
Take this man and make him smile  
As happy as can be...

That night they fell asleep within the comfort of that  
bed  
A strange wind was whispering just what the wife had  
said  
In the morning where the man had laid  
there was a dog instead

and his wife cried for joy in the morning!

She said I wish to all you'll hear me  
I wish with all I see  
Take this man and make him mine

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