

Roy Clark "Darby's Castle"

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See the ruin on the hill where the smoke is hanging still
Like an echo of an age long forgotten
There's a story of a home crushed beneath those
blacken stones
And the roof that fell before the beans were rotten.

Seems old Darby loved his wife and he labored all his
life
To provide her with material possessions
And he built for her a home of the finest wood and
stone
And the building soon became his soul obsession.

Oh, it took three hundred days for the timbers to be
raised
And the siluet was seen for miles around
And the gables reached as high as the eagles in the
sky
But it only took one night to bring it down
When Darby's castle tumbled to the ground.

Though they shared the common bed there was
precious little said
In the moments that were set aside for sleeping
For his busy dreams were filled with the rooms he'd yet
to build
And he never heard young Helen Darby weeping.

Then one night he heard the sound as he laid his pencil
down
And he traced it to her door and turned the handle
And the pale light of the moon through the window of
her room
Split the shadows where two bodies lay in tangle.

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