## Frank Fairfield "Fair Margaret And Sweet William"

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Sweet William rose one winter's morn Pray Lord to me speak truth And tell me of that long lost love Between Lady Margaret and you

Of Lady Margaret I know not And she knows not of me For I upon the midday sun Some other's groom shall be

Lady Margaret sitting in her high window Combing her long yellow hair Spied sweet William and his new made bride Riding up the road so fair

Down she threw her ivory comb And down she threw her hair And down she came from that high window And was never seen no more

The sun sank low on William's home His mind consumed with fear He dreamt his home was full of white shroud And the bed was flowing with tears

It was the time that night set in And all were fast asleep He spied Lady Margaret all cloaked in white She was standing at the bed feet

How do you like you bed said she How do you like your sheets How do you like your new made bride That's lying in your arms asleep

Very well do I like my bed said he Still better I like my sheets But best of all that fair young maid That stands at my bed feet

He called on his milk-white steed

As fast as the horse could ride He rode 'til he came to fair Margaret's home So load he called and cried

Is Lady Margaret in the house Or is she in the hall Or is she in her parlor room Among the maiden's all

She's neither in the house said she Nor is she in the hall There Margaret's in the cold black coffin With her face turned to the wall

Tear it down, tear it down her ivory sheets Oh tear them ever so fine And let me kiss her cold corpse lips For I know they'll never kiss mine

Once he kissed her pale white hand And twice he kissed her cheek Three times he kissed her cold corpse lips And he fell in her arms asleep

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