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# **"The Ballad Of Mary Magdalen"**

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My name is Mary Magdalen  
I come from Palestine  
Please excuse these rags I'm in  
But I've fallen on hard times  
But long ago I had my work  
When I was in my prime  
But I gave it up, and all for love  
It was his career or mine

Jesus loved me  
This I know  
But why on earth  
Did I ever let him go  
He was always faithful  
He was always kind  
But he walked off  
With this heart of mine

A love like this will come but once  
This I do believe  
And I'll not see his like again  
As I live and breath  
And I'm sorry if I might offend  
But I will never see  
How the tenderness I shared with him  
Became a heresy

Jesus loved me  
This I know  
But why on earth  
Did I ever let him go  
He was always faithful  
He was always kind  
But he walked off  
With this heart of mine

But I remember nights we spent  
Whispering our creed  
Our rituals, our sacraments  
The stars our canopy  
There beneath an olive tree  
We'd offer up our plea

God's creation innocent  
His arms surrounding me

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This I know  
But why on earth  
Did he ever have to go  
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