

## **Byrds, The**

### **"John Riley"**

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Fair young maid all in her garden  
Strange young man came riding by  
Saying: "fair young maid, will you marry me?"  
This then, sir, was her reply

"oh no, kind sir, i cannot marry thee  
For i've a love who sails the deep salt sea  
Though he's been gone these seven years  
Still no man shall marry me"

"what if he's died all in some battle slain  
Or if he's drowned in, in the deep salt sea?  
What if he's found some other love  
He and his new love both married be?"

"if he's found some other love  
He and his new love both married be  
I wish them health and happiness  
Where they have love far across the sea"

He picked her up all in his arms  
And kisses gave her one, two and three  
"then weep no more, my own true love  
I am your long lost john riley"  
Saying: "weep no more, my own true love  
For i'm your long lost john riley"

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