

**Tim O'Brien****"Pretty Fair Maid In The Garden"**

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A Pretty fair maid out in her garden  
a gathering flowers, both red and green  
When a soldier boy came to her riding  
Said pretty fair maid would you marry me

Oh no, kind sir, I cannot marry  
a man of honor, you must be  
for I've a true love in the army  
been seven long years since he saw me

Perhaps he's on some watercourse drowning  
Perhaps he's on some battlefield slain  
Perhaps he's to a fair girl married  
And you may never see him again

Well if he's drown, I hope he's happy  
Or if he's on some battlefield slain  
And if he's to some fair girl married  
I'll love the girl that married him

He took his hand out of his pocket  
his fingers shown both lean and long  
said here's a ring you once did give me  
She ran to his knees and she did fall.

He picked her up close to his busom and  
Kisses gave her one, two, three  
Said if i'd been gone from you seven years longer,  
not a girl on earth would marry me.

Go ask your Mother if we might marry,  
If we might wed, this very day  
If she says yes, please come and tell me,  
If she says no, we'll run away.

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