

# Rock In The Meadow

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## Verse 1.

Last night I was weeping, dear mother,  
Last night I was weeping alone.  
The world seemed so dark and so dreary,  
My heart grew as heavy as stone.  
I thought of the lonely and the [loneless,]  
All alone and sad was I.  
I scarcely can tell why it was, mother,  
Although I was wanting to die.

## Verse 2.

Last night I was weeping, dear mother,  
When Willie came down by the gate.  
And whispered, "come out in the moonlight,  
I've something to say to you, Kate."  
Oh mother, to him I am dearer  
Than all in this wide world besides.  
He told me so out in the moonlight,  
He called me his darling, his bride.

## Verse 3.

So now I must gather my roses,  
And twine in my long braided hair.  
And Willie will come in the evening  
And smile when he sees me so fair.  
So it's down by the rock in the meadow,  
Way down by the old hawthorn tree.  
Oh mother I wonder if any  
Were ever so happy as we.

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**Critical Commentary**

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