

Mantle so Green,,

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As I was out walking, one morning in June, to view the fair fields, and the



meadow's in bloom, I espied a young damsel, she appeared like a Queen, With



her costly fine robes, and her mantle so green..

~~I stood with amazement, and was struck with surprise,
I thought her an angel, that fell from the skies,
Her eyes were like diamonds, her cheeks like a rose,
She was one of the fairest, that nature composed,~~

~~I said, my pretty fair maid, if you will agree,
WE'll both join in wedlock, and married will be,
I'll dress you in rich rament, you'll appear like a queen,
With your costly, rich robes, and your mantle, so green.~~

~~She answered young man, you must me excuse,
For I'll wed with no man, you must be refused,
To the woods I will wander to shun all mens view,
For the lad that I loved died in famed Waterloo.~~

~~Oh, if you won't marry, tell me your lovers name,
For I being from battle, I might know his name
Draw near to my garments and there will be seen
His name all embroidered on my mantle so green~~

~~In raising her mantle there I did behold
His name and his surname in letters of gold
Young William O'Reilly appeared to my view
He was my chief companion in famed Waterloo~~

~~We fought so victorious where the bullets did fly
In that far field of honor your true love does lie
We fought for three days til that fourth afternoon
He recieved his death wound on the sixteenth of June~~

~~But when he was dying I heard his death cry
Were you here lovely Nancy, contented I'd die
Now the peace is proclained and the truth I'LL declare
Here is your true token, the gold ring I wear~~

~~She stood in amazement, then pale did she grow
She flew to my arms with a heart full of woe
To the woods I will wander for the lad I adore
Rise up lovely Nancy, your grief I'll remove~~

~~Oh, Nancy, lovely Nancy, 'twas I won your heart
In your father's garden the day we did part
Now the wars are all over, no trouble is seen
As I'll wed with my true love in her mantle so green~~

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