

body & landscape

<p>1. Young men and maidens all give ear/attention, (Unto) what I shall (now) relate; O mark you well, and you shall hear, Of my unhappy fate: 2. (Near (unto) famous Oxford town, I first did draw my breath, Oh! that I had been cast away, In an un[t]imely birth [sic]).</p>	<p>new material/formulations verbal repetitions</p>	<p>new material/formulations verbal repetition intertexts and formulas agreements with long broadside</p>	<p>new material/formulations verbal repetition intertexts and formulas agreements with long broadside</p>
<p>3. My tender parents brought me up, Provided for me well, And in the town of Wit[am] then They placed / did place me in a mill.</p>	<p>1. My parents educated (me) --of me took much care (and) good learning gave to me, They bound me (apprentice) to a mill(er), /To a miller they apprenticed me with whom/to which/and well /I we did agree.</p>	<p>1. My parents gave me good learning ↑ Good learning they gave to me They sent me to a butcher's shop A butcher's boy for to be.</p>	<p>My parents reared me tenderly And brought me up quite well near the Town of Linsborough</p>
<p>4. By chance upon / I met an Oxford Lass I cast a wanton eye, And promis'd I would marry her, If she would with me lie.</p>	<p>2. Till I fell (a-)courting a (pretty) lass/girl/maid /Till a bonny lass I did court with a black and a rolling eye, (And) I promised /told her to /that I'd/would marry her if she with me would/would with me lie.</p>	<p>2. I fell in love with sweet Mary Queen ↓ She'd a dark and rolling eye I promised for to marry her In the month of sweet July.</p>	<p>an Oxford girl 2. I promised for to marry her Upon a certain day</p>
<p>5. But to the world I do declare, With sorrow, grief and woe, This folly brought us in a snare, And wrought our overthrow;</p>	<p>3. I courted her for six (long) months, /For seven months I courted her a little now and then, I /but was /being ashamed to marry her /I thought it a shame (I) being (was) so young a man,</p>	<p>st.11</p>	<p>But instead of that I was resolved To take her life away. (CF. MARIA MARTEN)</p>
<p>6. For/But the Damsel came to me, and said, By you I am with child: I hope, dear John, you'll marry me, For you have me defild.</p>	<p>4. Till at length she/this fair maid prov'd with child (by/to me) and thus she/she thus then did say, /and then (aloud) to/on me did cry O Johnny (dear), do (but) marry me, /Saying Jemmy dear come or else for love/you I (do)die.</p>	<p>3. This fair maid being with child to me Upon me she did cry Oh Willie dear, you'll marry me Or else for you I'll die</p>	
<p>7. Soon after that her mother came, As you shall understand, And oftentimes did me persuade To wed/marry her out of hand. 8. And thus perplex'd on every side/day, I could no comfort find, (So for) to make away with her/ this creature(then); A thought came in my mind /My wicked Heart Inclin'd. 9. About a month from/since Christmas then/last; Oh! cursed be the/that day, The devil then did me persuade, To take her life away.</p>	<p>st. 8</p>	<p>st. 6</p>	<p>Mary, my dear Mary Will you take a walk with me That we may tell the tales of love And fix our wedding day Willie, my dear Willie I will take a walk with you That we may tell the tales of love And fix our wedding day</p>
<p>10. I call'd her from her sister's door/house At eight o'clock at night: Poor creature! she did little dream/think/dread I ow'd/bore her any spite.</p>	<p>5. I went unto/into her sister's house at eight/ten o'clock at/one night /being in the month of May (And little did this/my fair one/maid know/think) (I owed her any/such a spite.)</p>	<p>4. I went to her parents' house Between the hours of eight and nine</p>	
<p>11. I told her, if she'd walk with me, A side/In the fields a little way We both together would agree, About /upon our Wedding-day.</p>	<p>6. I ask'd her if she would/to take a walk /down meadows walk into (yon)/ all through / down by /in (all)those/ the (fields and) meadows gay And we will/there /to we'd sit and talk/chat (awhile) about/ and fix our wedding day. (Along with me she then did go) (And never said me nay)</p>	<p>And asked if she would take a walk Adown by yon river side.</p>	<p>And I did ask her out a walk Doon by yon river side Doon by yon river side, she said Doon by yon river side That we may walk and we may talk Doon by yon river side And the answer that she gave to me st. 20</p>
<p>12. Thus I deluded her again/along Into a private place, Then took a stick out of the hedge, And struck her in/in her the face.</p>	<p>7. I took a stick out of the hedge and (I)hit/struck her on the crown/to the ground (And (soon))The blood from/of the/this (young/poor) innocent/ innocence came trickling on(to) the ground, /on/to the to the earth did trickle down /came trickling from the wound</p>	<p>5. They walked up and they walked down Tween the hours of nine and ten Till he pulled a knife from out hispocket And stabbed her to the ground.</p>	<p>They walked east and they walked west And they walked all along</p>
<p>13. But she fell on her bended knee(s), And did for mercy cry, For heaven('s) sake don't murder me. I am not fit to die.</p>	<p>8. She/O then/And (up)on her bended knees did fall and loud for mercy cried /the damsel she did (for mercy)cry/call (Saying), Johnny/Jemmy ((my)dear), don't murder me, think of our poor/(for) I am big with child /I am not fit to die</p>	<p>st. 3 O Willie dear don't murder me Nor leave me here to die</p>	<p>She said, John my dear, don't murder me Oh, John my dear, don't murder me</p>
<p>14. But I on her no pity took, But wounded her full sore, Until her/that Life away I took, Which I can neer restore. 15. With many grievous shrieks and cries /groan, She did resign her breath, And in inhuman, barbarous sort /barbarous and in(un)human sort I put my love to death.</p>	<p>st. 10</p>	<p>st. 4</p>	<p>I took her by the middle sma</p>
<p>16. (And) then I took her by the hair/ hand To cover this/the foul sin, And draggd her to the river side, And/Then threw her Body in.</p>	<p>9. (I took her by the/her yellow/curly locks/hair) (and dragged her to the ground/through the glen) (And/Till/until (then) (we/I) (came)to the/a river('s) side) (where/And there/then I threw/hove her body down/in)</p>	<p>7. He's ta'en her by the lily-white hand And dragged her all along Till he came to yon river side And plunged her body in.</p>	<p>And kissed both cheek and chin Until I came to the riverside that flowed through Ekefield town</p>
<p>17. Thus, in the blood of innocence My hands were deeply dyd, And shined/stained in her/the purple gore, That should have been my Bride.</p>	<p>10. ((Then/when/now)With (the) blood from/of the/this (young) innocent/ -nce) (my hands and feet/clothes were dyed.) (And if you'd seen her, in her bloom,) /Instead of being a breathless corpse she was fit to be/might have been my bride.</p>	<p>st. 4</p>	<p>st. 13</p>
<p>18. Then home unto my Mill I ran/run, But sorely was amaz'd; My man he thought I had mischief done, And strangely on me gazd.</p>	<p>11. I went unto/into / Arriving at my master's house at ten/twelve o'clock / At the hour of twelve at night, My master getting out of bed / rose and /to let me in and/by striking (of/up) /when he had struck / and soon procured a light,</p>	<p>8. He went home to his mother's house Tween the hours of twelve and one But little did his poor mother think What her only son had done.</p>	<p>st. 17</p>

19. Oh! what's the matter then said he/he said/cry'd,
You look as/And I look'd pale as death.
What makes you shake and tremble so,
As though/if you had lost your breath?

st.10

st. 6

20. How came you by that **blood** upon,

Your trembling **hands and cloaths?**
(I) presently to him (I)reply'd,

By bleeding at the nose. **st.33**

12. He asked (me)and questioned/on questioning me
/ looked surprised and asked
how/ what dyed /I'd daub'd my hands and clothes/feet.
I made (him)a fit/ answer/answered him
/did answer make I'd /as I thought fit
been bleeding at the nose.
/by (the) bleeding from (at) the (my) nose

And the answer that I gave to him

21. I wishfully upon him lookd,
But little (to him) said,
But/Then snatchd the candle from his hand,

And **went unto my bed.**

13. (So/O now) I (then) enquired/asked for took up
/got/taking of a candle
to light(ing)/ and lighted me/myself (up) (in)to bed,

9. He asked **for a candle**
To let him see to bed
And likewise **for a handkerchief**
To tie around his head.

st.11

I take hold of the candle,
Myself I lights to bed

Oh then he went up

22. Where/There I lay trembling all the night,
For I could take no rest,
And/Though perfect **flames of hell** did flash,
Within my guilty breast/face/like lightning in my face

14. **And/But all that (blessed/live/dreadful/dreary) long night**
no sleep / comfort / rest could I find,
(For) the burning flames of torment(s)
all (a)round / before my eyes did shine /play.

10. **No rest nor peace** could this youngman get
No rest nor peace could he find
For he saw the fiery **flames of hell**
Approaching in his mind.

I take hold of the candle,
Myself I lights to bed

23. Next day the damsel being missd,
And no where to be found,
Then I was apprehended soon,
And to the Assizes **bound.**

15. **(Now) in two or three days/a few hours after**
this fair maid / she / my true love /this pretty girl was missed.
I was taken / They took me on / I was seized on suspicion,
and (I was) (in)to prison /to jail (was) cast/sent,

In about three days after that

For murdering of my own true love

24. Her sister did against me swear,
She reason had, no doubt,

That I had made away with her,
Because I calld her out.

16. **Her sister(s) prosecuted/swore** against me/persecuted was
for my own awful / reason and for doubt,
/of the murderer she'd no doubt
Her sister prosecuted /evidenced against me
/ **As I'd been there / Because that (very)evening**
for taking /the asking of her / And asked her to go
/we were seen (a) walking/ out

st. 17

st.18

25. But Satan did me still/still did me perswade,
I stiffly should/did deny,
Quoth he, There is no witness can,
Against thee testif[y].

26. Now when her Mother she did cry
/had her cry'd/did her cry/try,
I scoffingly/cunningly did say,
On purpose then (for)to frighten me/her,
She sent her child away.

27. I publishd in the post boy /paper/Gazett then/to
My wickedness to blind,
Five Guineas any one should have,
That could her body / this damsel find.

28. But Heaven had a watchful eye,
And brought it so about
That, though I stiffly did deny,
This murder would/will/should come out.

st.15

st. 15

29. The very day before the Assize,
Her **body** it was found,

Floating before her Father's/Brother's door,

At **Henley/Hendly/Hindley/Hindsey**
/Hinley/ Hiley **Ferry Town.**

17. **(All) In two or three / a few days after**
this fair maid/my true love/
the lovely maid (she) was found
(Came) (a)floating by her mother's/brother's/
father's door/house
that was/(he) lived near (un)(to)
Wexford/Wrexham/Waterford/ === town,

In about nine days after that

A-floating by the riverside

that flowed through Ekefield town

By Ferry Hinksey town

30. So/Then (I) the/a second time (I)was seizd,
To Oxford brought with speed,
And there/here examined again
About the bloody deed.

st. 2

st. 15

31. (Now) the coroner and jury both
Together did agree
That this damsel (she) was made away/murdered,
And murdered/made away by me.

18. (And so now)/(Where) The judge(s) and the jury(ies)
they/there quickly did /did so both agree,
For the murder of my (own)true love /the lovely girl/maid
(that/here/then) hanged I should/must be.

11. The young man's crime it being found out
The gallows was his doom,
For the murdering of **sweet Mary Queen**
The flower that was in bloom.

For murdering of my own true love

32. The Justice he perceivd the guilt,
No longer would take bail,
But the next morning I was sent
Away to **Reading Gaol.**

st.20

33. When I was brought before the Judge,
My man did testify
That **blood** upon my **hands and cloaths,**
that night he did espy.

34. The Judge he told the jury then,
The circumstance is plain,
Look on the prisoner at the bar!
He hath this creature slain!

35. About the murder at the first
The Jury did divide,
But when they brought their verdict,
All of them guilty cry'd.

36. The Jailor took and **bound me straight,**
As soon as I was cast;
And then **within the prison strong**
He there did lay me fast.

37. With fetters strong then I was **bound,**
And shin bolted was I.
Yet I the murder would not own,
But still did it deny.

38. My father did on me prevail,
My kindred all likewise,
To own the murder which I did,
To them, with watery eyes.

39. My Father he then did me blame,
Saying, my son, oh! why,
Have you thus brought yourself to shame,
And all your family;

40. Father, I own the crime I did,
I guilty am indeed;
Which cruel fact, I now confess,
Doth make **my heart to bleed.**

41. The worst of deaths I do deserve,
My crime it is so base,
For I no mercy shewd to her;
Most wretched is my case.42. Lord grant me grace, while I do stay,
That I may now repent,
Before I from this wicked world,
Most shamefully am sent43. Young men, take warning by my fall:
All filthy lust defy;
By giving way to wickedness,
Alas! this day I die.44. Lord wash my hateful Sins away,
Which have been manifold;
Have mercy on me, I thee pray,
And Christ receive my soul!