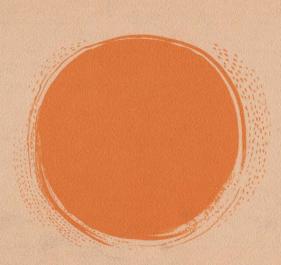
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ANDREW ROWAN SUMMERS IS A NATIVE VIRGINIAN, NOW LIVING IN NEW YORK. AFTER STUDYING MUSIC AND VOICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ( WHERE HE TOOK A DEGREE IN LAW) HE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE TOWN IN THE HIGHLANDS -- OLOSE BY TO SOME OF THE BEST FOLK MUSIC AND FOLK SINGING IN THE WORLD -- TO PRACTICE LAW AND SING. HE SPENT A DECADE IN SEARCHING OUT FOLK SINGERS, FOLK SONGS, AND INSTRUMENTS. HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE VERY OLD SINGERS AND PLAYERS, FOR THEY, HE FELT, WOULD KNOW SEST THAT WHICH HE WISHED TO KNOW. HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE WHITE TOP

FOLK FESTIVAL, WHICH DREW SINGERS, DANCERS, AND INSTRUMENTALISTS FROM FIVE OR SIX STATES IN THE SOUTHERN APPALAGHIAN REGION. IT WAS AT ONE OF THESE FESTIVALS THAT MR. SUMMERS HEARD HIS FIRST DULCIMER, PLAYED BY AN OLD GENTLEMAN IN HIS EIGHTIES, 80 FEEBLE AND WEAK THAT HE GOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL. THIS SAME OLD FELLOW WILLED MR. SUMMERS HIS INSTRUMENT WHEN HE DIED TWO YEARS LATER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MR. SUMMERS HAS PERFECTED THE NEAREST THING TO TRADITIONAL DULCIMER-PLAYING HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATIONS PAST.

## THE SEEDS OF LOVE

THE FOLK OF ENGLAND KNOW THIS SONG AS "THE SPRIG OF THYME". THERE IS AUTHORITY FOR THE STATEMENT THAT THE WORDS WERE WRITTEN BY A MRS. FLEETWOOD HABERGAM ABOUT 1689, BUT THERE IS NO SUCH PROOF. THE TUNE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A CERTAIN TYPE OF ENGLISH FOLK-AIR, ROMANTIC, LILTING AND DELICATE.

I SOWED THE SEEDS OF LOVE,
I SOWED THEM IN THE SPRINGTIME I GATHERED THEM UP IN THE MORNING
SO SOON
WHEN THE SMALL BIRDS SO SWEETLY SING.

MY GARDEN WAS PLANTED WELL,
WITH FLOWERS EVERYWHERE,
BUT I HAD NOT THE LIBERTY TO CHOOSE
FOR MYSELF.
OF THE FLOWERS THAT I LOVED SO WELL.

THE GARDENER WAS STANDING BY,
AND I ASKED HIM TO CHOOSE FOR ME.
HE CHOSE FOR ME THE VIOLET, THE LILY
AND THE PINK,
BUT OF THOSE I REFUSED ALL THREE.

THE VIOLET I DID NOT LIKE
BECAUSE IT BLOOMS TOO SOON.
THE LILY AND THE PINK I REALLY OVERTHINK,
SO I YOWED I WOULD WAIT TIL JUNE.

IN JUNE THERE WAS THE RED, RED ROSE,
AND THAT IS THE FLOW'R FOR ME.
O, OFTEN HAVE I PLUCKED THAT RED,
RED ROSE
TIL I GAINED THE WILLOW TREE.

THE WILLOW TREE WILL TWINT;
AND THE WILLOW TREE WILL TWINE;
I OFTENTIMES HAVE WISHED I WERE IN
THAT YOUNG WOMAN 8 ARMS,
THAT ONCE HELD THE HEART OF MINE.

COME, ALL YE FALSE YOUNG GIRLS,
DO NOT LEAVE ME HERE TO COMPLAIN.
THE GRASS THAT HAS OFTENTIMES BEEN
TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT,
GIVE IT TIME - IT WILL SPRING UP
AGAIN!

MY MOTHER CHOSE MY HUSBAND)
(TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY KATHERINE ANNE PORTER)

MISS PORTER STATES THAT THIS SONG BELONGS TO THE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED CATEGORY OF FRENCH SONGS KNOWN AS "COMPLAINTS OF THE ILL-MARRIED". THE THEME WAS FAMILIAR FROM THE TWELFTH CENTURY, AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TOPICS OF THE STREET SINGERS.

A CERTAIN PARISIAN SINGER, GAUTIER GAR-GUILLE, NEAR THE END OF THE 17TH CENTURY USED TO DELIGHT CROWDS OF PEOPLE DAILY WITH HIS LARGE REPERTORY OF THESE SONGS.

MY MOTHER CHOSE MY HUSBAND; A LAWYER'S SON WAS HE. WHEN, ON THE WEDDING NIGHT, HE CAME TO BED WITH ME, AH, AH, AH! THAT'S NO WAY TO AH, AH, AH! THAT CAN'T BE!

WHEN ON THE WEDDING NIGHT, HE CAME TO BED WITH ME, HE BIT ME ON THE SHOULDER AND ALMOST BROKE MY KNEE.

HE BIT ME ON THE SHOULDER AND ALMOST BROKE MY KNEE. I CALLED MY WAITING WOMAN: COME QUICKLY, MARGERY!!

I CALLED MY WAITING WOMAN:
COME QUICKLY MARGERY,
GO TELL MAMA I'M DYING;
BID HER COME HASTILY!

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BID HER COME HASTILY!.
CAME MAMA TO MY BEDSIDE
BEFORE I COULD COUNT THREE.

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CHEER UP, MY GIRL. WHAT ALLS YOU
WILL NEVER KILL!, SAID SHE.

TCHEER UP, MY GIRL. WHAT AILS YOU WILL NEVER KILL!, SAID SHE IF I HAD DIED OF THAT, CHILD, GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU WOULD BE!.

IF I HAD DIED OF THAT, CHILD, GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU WOULD BE. SO IF YOU DIE MY DAUGHTER, I'LL GRAVE YOU SPLENDIDLY!

180, IF YOU DIE MY DAUGHTER,
111LL GRAVE YOU SPLENDIDLY,
1THEN CARVE UPON YOUR HEADSTONE
1WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE - 1

THEN CARVE UPON YOUR HEADSTONE
WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE:
"THE ONLY GIRL WHO COULDN'T
"SURVIVE THAT MALADY" !.

"MARY STUART'S PLAINT FOR HER LOST YOUTH"
BY MARY STUART, QUEEN OF SCOTS (15421587) (TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY
KATHERINE ANNE PORTER)

MARY STUART WROTE MANY SONGS, AND WAS DISTINGUISHED AT THE FRENCH COURT NOT ONLY FOR HER COMPOSITIONS BUT FOR HER ABILITY TO SING THEM, WITH LUTE OR VIRGINAL ACCOMPANIMENT. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO POSITIVE PROOF, THOSE NEAREST HER PROFESSED TO BELIEVE THAT SHE DID WRITE THIS PLAINT. COMPARED TO OTHERS THAT SHE IS KNOWN TO HAVE WRITTEN, AND SINCE IT IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF SONG SHE MIGHT HAVE WRITTEN, WE MAY AS WELL CREDIT HER WITH IT UNTIL SOMECHE ELSE IS NAMED POSITIVELY AS THE COMPOSER.

'LAS! IN MY LOVELY SPRING,
YEA, WHEN MY YOUTH SHOULD FLOWER,
FEEL I AN INWARD STING,
TURNS ALL MY SWEET TO SOUR.
HEART, FORSAKING PLEASURE,
COUNTETH SORROW TREASURE.

WHETHER I WALK THE FIELDS,
OR HIDE ME IN THE FOREST,
MORNING OR EVENING YIELD
UNTO MY GRIEVING NO REST.
HEART IS STILL ALONE:
WHOM IT SEEKETH, GONE.

### HARES ON THE MOUNTAIN

This song is very popular in england, and, although doubtless of folk-origin with a long history, is not often encountered elsewhere. Andrew rowan summers learned this version in the oral tradition in 1940, and in 1943 heard for the first and only time the "laurel" verse.

YOUNG WOMEN, THEY RUN LIKE HARES ON THE MOUNTAIN,

YOUNG WOMEN, THEY RUN LIKE HARES ON THE

IF I WERE BUT A YOUNG MAN I'D 800N GO A-HUNTING,

TO MY RIGHT FOL-DIDDLE-DE-RO, TO MY RIGHT FOL-DIDDLE-DEE.

YOUNG WOMEN THEY SING LIKE BIRDS IN THE BUSHES,

IF I WERE BUT A YOUNG MAN I'D GO AND BANG THEM BUSHES,

REFRAIN.

YOUNG WOMEN THEY SWIM LIKE DUCKS IN THE WATER,

IF I WERE BUT A YOUNG MAN, I SOON WOULD SWIM AFTER -

REFRAIN.

YOUNG WOMEN THEY BLOOM LIKE LAUREL IN SPRINGTIME, IF I WERE BUT A YOUNG MAN I'D SOON GO

AND PLUCK SOME.

REFRAIN.

YOUNG WOMEN THEY RUN LIKE HARES ON THE MOUNTAIN,

YOUNG WOMEN, THEY RUN LIKE HARES ON THE

IF I WERE BUT A YOUNG MAN I SOON WOULD RUN AFTER -

REFRAIN.

THE FARMER'S CURST WIFE

OF ANCIENT ORIGIN, THIS SONG, IS, PERHAPS
THE MOST "AMERICANIZED" OF ALL THE ONES IN
THIS ALBUM. SUNG OVER A WIDE TERRITORY,
AND WITH MANY VARIANTS, IT IS ONE OF THE
FEW COMIC BALLADS IN THE LANGUAGE, AND
HENCE ITS POPULARITY CONTINUES UNABATED
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. IT IS THE
ENGLISH-SCOTTISH-AMERICAN COUSIN TO THE
FRENCH "COMPLAINTS OF THE ILL-MARRIED",
REPRESENTED HERE BY "MY MOTHER CHOSE MY
HUSBAND".

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN LIVED UNDER THE

IF HE HASN'T MOVED AWAY HE'S A-LIVIN'
THERE STILL,
SING HI-DIDDLE-I, DIDDLE-I-FI, DIDDLE-

I-DIDDL-I-DAY.

THE DEVIL CAME TO HIS HOUSE ONE DAY, SAYS "ONE OF YOUR FAMILY I'M GOIN! TO TAKE AWAY!"

SING ETC.

THE OLD MAN SAYS "I AM UNDONE, FOR I GUESS YOU'VE COME FOR MY OLDEST SON"

SING

"IT'S NEITHER YOUR SON NOR YOUR DAUGHTER
I CRAVE,

BUT YOUR OLD SCOLDING WOMAN I NOW MUST HAVE!"

SING

"TAKE HER ON, TAKE HER ON WITH THE JOY
OF MY HEART,
AND I HOPE TO GOD YOU NEVER PART!"
SING

THE DEVIL PUT HER IN A SACK, AND THREW HER UP ALL ON HIS BACK.

WHEN THE DEVIL GOT HER TO THE FORKS OF THE ROAD, HE SAID "GOD, OLD WOMAN, YOU'RE A HELL OF A LOAD".

WHEN THE DEVIL GOT HER TO THE GATES OF HELL,
HE SAID "POKE UP THE FIRE, I WANT TO SCORCH HER WELL".

IN COME A LITTLE DEVIL A-DRAGGIN<sup>1</sup> A
CHAIN,
SHE UP WITH THE HATCHET AND SPLIT OUT
HIS BRAIN!

ANOTHER LITTLE DEVIL WENT CLIMBIN' THE WALL.

SAYS "TAKE HER BACK, DADDY, SHE'S A-MURDERIN' US ALL!"

THE OLD MAN WAS A-PEEPIN! OUT OF THE CRACK,
AND SAW THE DEVIL COME A-WAGGIN! HER BACK.

SHE FOUND THE OLD MAN SICK IN THE BED, AND UP WITH THE BUTTER-STICK AND PADDLED HIS HEAD.

THE OLD WOMAN WENT WHISTLING OVER THE HILL, SAYS "THE DEVIL WON'T HAVE ME, "I WONDER WHO WILL?"

THERE'S ONE ADVANTAGE WOMEN HAVE OVER

MEN 
THEY CAN GO TO HELL AND COME BACK AGAIN!

O NO, JOHN, NO

THIS SONG IS A VARIANT OF A SINGING-GAME, IN TURN DESCENDED FROM A BALLAD. THE SINGING-GAME IS SUNG IN AMERICA, AND MANY VERSIONS OF THE SONG EXIST. THE TUNE IS A VARIANT OF "BILLY TAYLOR".

ON YONDER HILL THERE STANDS A CREATURE, WHO SHE IS I DO NOT KNOW; I\*LL GO AND COURT HER FOR HER BEAUTY . . SHE MUST ANSWER "YES" OR "NO".

O, NO JOHN, NO JOHN, NO JOHN, NO.

MY FATHER WAS A SPANISH CAPTAIN, WENT TO SEA A MONTH AGO. FIRST HE KISSED ME, THEN HE LEFT ME, SID ME ALWAYS ANSWER "NO".

OH, MADAM, IN YOUR FACE IS BEAUTY ON YOUR LIPS RED ROSES GROW.
WILL YOU TAKE ME FOR YOUR LOVER?
MADAM, ANSWER "YES" OR "NO".

O MADAM, I WILL GIVE YOU JEWELS, I WILL MAKE YOU RICH AND FREE. I WILL BUY YOU SILKEN DRESSES. MADAM, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

OH, MADAM, SINCE YOU ARE SO GRUEL, IN THAT YOU DO SCORN ME SO . . . IF I MAY NOT BE YOUR LOVER, MADAM, WILL YOU LET ME GO?

THEN I WILL STAY WITH YOU FOREYER, IF YOU WILL NOT BE UNKIND.
MADAM I HAVE YOWED TO LOVE YOU, WOULD YOU HAVE ME CHANGE MY MIND?

OH, MARK, I HEAR THE CHURCH BELLS
RINGING,
WILL YOU COME AND BE MY WIFE?
OR, DEAR MADAM, HAVE YOU SETTLED
TO STAY SINGLE ALL YOUR LIFE?

### BLOW AWAY THE MORNING DEW

A SHORTENED VERSION OF "THE BAFFLED KNIGHT", BLOW AWAY THE MORNING DEW IS WIDELY SUNG THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND AND IN THIS COUNTRY. ITS BRISKLY-SUNG LYRICS, THE DELIGHTFUL REFRAIN, AND THE AMUSING PORTRAIT IT PAINTS OF A NAIVE COURTSHIP OF THE MIDDLE AGES SETS IT APART AMONG SONGS OF THIS TYPE.

THERE WAS A FARMER'S SON KEPT SHEEP ALL ON THE HILL;
AND HE WENT OUT ONE MAY MORNING
TO SEE WHAT HE COULD KILL

AND SING BLOW AWAY THE MORNING DEW THE DEW AND THE DEW -BLOW AWAY THE MORNING DEW -HOW SWEET THE WINDS DO BLOW. HE LOOKED HIGH, HE LOOKED LOW, NE CAST AN UNDER LOOK; AND THERE HE SAW A VERY PRETTY MAID BESIDE THE WATTRY BROOK

AND SING ETC ETC

"IF YOU'LL COME DOWN TO MY FATHER'S
HOUSE
WHICH IS WALLED ALL AROUND,
THEN YOU SHALL HAVE A KISS FROM ME
AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUND".

HE MOUNTED ON A MILK-WHITE STEED AND SHE UPON ANOTHER; THEY RODE ALONG THE COUNTRY LANE LIKE SISTER AND LIKE BROTHER.

AS THEY WERE RIDING ON ALONE
THEY SPIED SOME POORS OF HAY.
"O, WOULD NOT THIS BE A VERY PRETTY
PLACE
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO PLAY?"

WHEN THEY CAME UP TO HER FATHER'S HOUSE SO NIMBLE SHE POPPED IN . . . AND SAID "THERE IS A FOOL WITHOUT, AND HERE'S A MAID WITHIN".

WE HAVE A FLOW R IN OUR GARDEN, WE CALL IT MARIGOLD.
AND IF YE WOULD NOT WHEN YE MAY YE SHALL NOT WHEN YE WOULD.

[ED. - KATHERINE ANNE PORTER, WHO TRANSLATED MY MOTHER CHOSE MY HUSBAND AND PLAINT FOR MY LOST YOUTH, IS ONE OF AMERICA'S DISTINGUISHED LITERARY FIGURES, REKNOWNED ALIKE AS A POET, SHORT-STORY WRITER AND CRITIC. HER "FLOWERING JUDAS", "THE LEANING TOWER", AND OTHER WORKS, HAVE BEEN ACCLAIMED THE WORLD OVER. HER ABILITY TO TRANSLATE FRENCH LYRIGS OF THE GREATEST DELICACY INTO SINGABLE RHYMED VERSE IN ENGLISH IS OBVIOUS IN THESE SONGS.]

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Band 1. THE SEEDS OF LOVE
(English - 1689!)
Band 2. MY MOTHER CHOSE MY HUSBAND
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Band 3. PLAINT FOR MY LOST YOUTH
(by Mary Stuart - trans. by
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(English, traditional)