To You With Love

AMERICAN FOLK SONGS

—For Women

Herta Marshall

Sings, With Guitar

I Will Never Marry

Buttermilk Hill

Riddle Song

Fare Thee Well

Turtle Dove

Willow Garden

Come All Ye Fair And Tender Ladies

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Who's Gonna Shoe Your Pretty Little Foot

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Although all of the songs recorded here by Herta Marshall have reference to some phase of her life, two have special meaning -- Shady Grove, which she remembers from her adolescent days in the time when she visited her grandmother in the country near where she was born and raised, Delaware and Washington, D.C. And Come All Ye Fair and Tender Ladies, "dedicated to my two beautiful teen-age daughters." For the two younger children - they may have their choice.

Herta began folk singing on a tour with Burl Ives and learned to accompany herself on the guitar.

Later she joined such artists as Woody Guthrie and Will Geer combining singing and acting. With David Marshall she toured the country in "Folklore USA" and elicited this comment:" Herta Marshall brings to the stage a repertoire of many folksongssome familiar.....her voice soars into tonal areas rare indeed to the realm of the ballader A fresh uninhibited quality sorely needed in this art form."

She has worked in films and is featured in the soon to be released "Catskill Story" produced by Jules Schwerin.

SIDE I, Band 1: COME ALL YE FAIR AND TENDER LADIES

Come all ye fair and tender ladies, Be careful how you court young men -They're like a star of a summer evening, They first appear and then they're gone.

They'll tell to you some loving story,
They'll pretend to you their love is true -Straightway they'll go and court some other,
And that's the love they'll have for you.

I wish I was some little sparrow, That I had wings could fly so high -I'd fly away to my false true lover, And when he's talking I'd be nigh.

If I had known before I courted,
I never would have courted none I'd have locked my heart in a box of golden,
And pinned it up with a silver pin.

SIDE I, Band 2: PRETTY SARO

Down in some lone valley in a lonesome place Where the wild birds do whistle and their notes do increase.

Farewell pretty Saro I bid you adieu: And I'll dream of pretty Saro wherever I go.

My love, she won't have me so I understand She wants a free holder who owns house and land, I cannot maintain her with silver nor gold Nor buy all the fine things a big house can hold.

If I were a merchant and could write a fine hand I'd write my love a letter that she'd understand, I'd write it by the river where the water o'erflow: And I'll dream of pretty Saro wherever I go.

SIDE I, Band 3: WHO'S GONNA SHOE YOUR PRETTY LITTLE FOOT

Who's gonna shoe your pretty little foot Who's gonna glove your hand And who's gonna kiss your red ruby lips When I'm in that far off land? Ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah.

The pretty little birds do choose sad songs And they sing a roundalay They sing a sad little goodbye song Cause they know that I'm goin' away. Ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah.

Now when my lips are smilin'
My heart is full of pain
Cause I know when they send me to that far off land
I may never see you again.
Ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah.

SIDE I, Band 4: SHADY GROVE

Cheeks as red as a bloomin rose, Eyes of the deepest brown, You are the darlin' of my heart Stay til the sun goes down. (CHORUS:)
Shady grove my true love
Shady grove I know,
Shady grove my little love

Bound for the shady grove.

Went to see my Shady grove Standin in the door, Shoes and stockin's in her hand Little bare feet on the floor.

(CHORUS)

Wisht I had a big white horse Corn to feed him on, Pretty little girl to stay at home Feed him when I'm gone.

(CHORUS)

SIDE I, Band 5: SOUTH COAST

My name is Juan Hano Di Castro My father was a Spanish Grandee But I won my wife in a card game --The hell with those lords o'er the sea.

(CHORUS)

O the South Coast the wild coast and lonely, You may win at a game of Olan; But the lion still rules the Barrancas And a man there is always alone.

I sat in a card game at Olan, I played with a fellow named Juan, And after I'd won all his no ney He staked all against his daughter Dawn.

I picked up the ace -- I had won her; My heart which was down to my feet Jumped up to my throat in a hurry Like a young summer's day she was sweet.

(CHORUS)

He went to the door of the kitchen, He called the girl out with a curse, Said take her God Damn you, you've won her She's yours now for better or worse.

I saddled my pony at daybreak We rode thru the hills to the south; Not a word did I get from her that day Nor a kiss from her pretty red mouth.

Her arms had to tighten around me As we rode down the trail to the coast; She soon loved the orchards and valleys But I knew that she loved me the most.

That was a gay happy winter, I carved on a cradle of pine, With a fire in our neat little shanty And I sang with that gay wife of mine.

Then I got caught in a land slide Crushed hip and twice broken bone; She saddled our pony like lightning And rode off thru the night all alone. A lion screamed in the Barrancas Buck bolted and fell on the slide; My young wife lay dead in the moonlight My heart died that night with my bride.

(CHORUS)

SIDE I, Band 6: WHEN I LAY DOWN AND DIE DO DIE

When I lay down and die do die Bury me where he passes by.

He turned my love right into hate. That's why I this sad tale relate.

It wasn't for gold he turned me down Cause I wouldn't live in a city town.

That other girl, maybe she didn't rob Livin with some men is the devils own job.

He turned my love to hate instead And I'll still be hatin when I'm dead.

When I lay down and die do die Bury me where he passes by.

SIDE II, Band 1: I NEVER WILL MARRY

One day as I wandered down by the sea shore The wind it did whistle and the water did roar. I spied a fair maiden made a pitiful sight She wept by the water by day and by night.

I never will marry, I'll be no man's wife I'm compelled to live single all the days of my life. The shells in the ocean will be my death bed The fish in deep water swim over my head.

My lover has left me, he's the one I adore He's gone where I'll never see him any more. She thrust her fair body in the water so deep She closed her blue eyes in the water to sleep.

I never will marry - I'll be no man's wife I'm compelled to live single all the days of my life. The shells in the ocean will be my deathbed The fish in deep water swim over my head.

SIDE II, Band 2: BUTTERMILK HILL

There I sat on Buttermilk Hill Who could blame me cry my fill, And every tear would turn a mill, Johnny has gone for a soldier.

Me oh my -- I loved him so --Broke my heart to see him go, And only time will heal my woe, Johnny has gone for a soldier.

I'll sell my flax, I'll sell my wheel I'll buy my love a sword of steel, So it in battle he can wield, Johnny has gone for a soldier. On the ground I'll lay my head No matter where I make my bed, And I'll dye my petticoats, dye them red, Johnny has gone for a soldier.

SIDE II, Band 3: RIDDLE SONG

I gave my love a cherry it had no stone
I gave my love a chicken, it had no bone
I told my love a story it had no end
I gave my love a baby, with no cryin'.

How can there be a cherry that has no stone How can there be a chicken that has no bone Whoever heard a story without any end How can there be a baby with no cryin'.

A cherry when it's bloomin' will have no stone A chicken when it's pippin' will have no bone The story of I Love You will never end A baby when it's sleepin', there's no cryin'.

SIDE II, Band 4: FARE THEE WELL

If I had wings like Noah's dove, I'd fly up the river to the one I love; Fare thee well, oh honey, fare thee well!

Early one mornin' twas a drizzlin' rain, And around my heart I felt an achin' pain; Fare thee well, oh honey, fare thee well!

I had a man he was long and tall, And he moved his body like a cannon ball; Fare thee well, oh honey, fare thee well!

One of these mornins and it won't be long, You're gonna call my name and I'll be gone; Fare thee well, oh honey, fare thee well!

If I had listened to what my mother said, I'd have been at home in my mother's bed; Fare thee well, oh honey, fare thee well!

SIDE II, Band 5: TURTLE DOVE

Oh don't you see yon little turtle dove,
sittin under a mulberry tree?
See how that she doth mourn for her true love
As I my love shall mourn for thee,
as I shall mourn for thee.

Now fare thee well, my little turtle dove, oh fare thee well for a while, For tho I go I will surely come again If I go ten thousand miles my dear, if I go ten thousand miles.

Ten thousand miles is very far away,
for you to go from me,
You leave me to lament and well-a-day,
My tears you shall not see, my dear,
my tears you shall not see.

The crow that's black my little turtle dove, doth change its color white, E'er I prove false to the maiden that I love The noon day shall be night, my dear, the noon day shall be night.

The hills shall fly my little Turtle dove, the roaring billows burn, E'er I prove false to the maiden that I love Or I a traitor turn my dear, or I a traitor turn.

SIDE II, Band 6: WILLOW GARDEN

Down by the willow garden Where me and my love did meet, T'was there we sat a - 'courtin' My love dropped off to sleep.

I had a bottle of Bueglars wine Which my true love did not know, And there I murdered that dear little girl Down under the bank below.

I stobbed her with a dagger which was a bloody knife, I threw her in the river which was a dreadful sight. My father often told me that money would set me free If I would murder the girl that I loved whose name was Rose Connelly.

Well, now he sits by his own garden gate A' wipin his weepin' eye, And now he waits for his own dear son Upon the scaffold so high.

My race is run beneath the sun Lo hell's now waitin' for me, For I have murdered the girl that I loved Whose name was Rose Connelly.

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