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When a stranger came a-riding by

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He came up to the gate and called her

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Said, "Pretty fair maid, would you be my

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bride?"

She said, "I've a true love who's in the army And he's been gone for seven long years. But if he's gone for seven years longer, I'll still be waiting for him here."

"Perhaps he's on some watercourse drowning Perhaps he's on some battlefield slain

Perhaps he's to some fair girl married And you may never see him again?"

"Well if he's drowned, I hope he's happy, Or if he's on some battlefield slain. And if he's to a fair girl married, I'll love the girl that married him."

He took his hand out of his pocket And on his finger he wore a golden ring. And when she saw that band a-shining, A brand new song her heart did sing.

Then he threw his arms all around her, And kisses gave her one, two, three. Said, "I'm your true and loving soldier That's come back home to marry thee."