



The trees they
do grow high

English Folk Song

arranged

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(1863-1930)

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The trees they do grow high and the leaves they do grow green,
And many's the cold winter's night my love and I have seen;
Of a cold winter's night, my love, you and I alone have been,
Whilst my bonny boy was young, but was growing.

"I'll send your love to college, all for a year or two,
And then, when the years have passed, he will be wed to you;
I'll buy him white ribbons, tie them round his bonny waist,
To let the ladies know that he's married."

At the age of sixteen, he was a married man,
At the age of seventeen, he was father to a son,
At the age of eighteen, the green grass grew over him.
Cruel death soon put an end to his growing.

And he shall have a shroud of the very best of brown,
And whilst in the making the tears, they shall run down,
Crying, "Once I'd a sweetheart, but now I've never a one,
So, fare you well, my own true love, forevermore."

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Larghetto ♩ = 60

S *mf* The trees they do grow high and the

A *mf* The trees they do grow high and the

T *mf* Ah, The trees they do grow high and the

B *mf* The trees they do grow high and the

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S leaves they do grow green, And man - y's the cold win - ter's night my

A leaves they do grow green, And man - y's the cold win - ter's night my

T leaves they do grow green, And man - y's the cold win - ter's night my

B leaves they do grow green, And man - y's the cold win - ter's night my

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9 *cresc.*

S love and I have seen; Of a cold win - ter's night, my love, you and

A love and I have seen; Of a cold win - ter's night, my love, you and

T love and I have seen; Of a cold win - ter's night, my love, you and

B love and I have seen; Of a cold win - ter's night, my love, you and

13 *dim.*

S I a - lone have been, Whilst my bon - ny boy was young, but was

A I a - lone have been, Whilst my bon - ny boy was young, but was

T I a - lone have been, Whilst my bon - ny boy was young, but was

B I a - lone have been, Whilst my bon - ny boy was young, but was

17 *cresc.*

S grow - ing, Grow - ing, grow - ing, Whilst my

A grow - ing, Grow - ing, grow - ing, Whilst my

T grow - ing, Grow - ing, grow - ing, Whilst my

B grow - ing, Grow - ing, grow - ing, Whilst my

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21 *dim.*
S bon - ny boy was young, but was grow - ing.
A *dim.*
A bon - ny boy was young, but was grow - ing.
T *dim.*
T bon - ny boy was young, but was grow - - - ing.
B *dim.*
B bon - ny boy was young, but was grow - ing.

25 *mf*
S "I'll send your love to col - lege, all
A *mf*
A "I'll send your love to col - lege, all
T *mf*
T Ah, "I'll send your love to col - lege, all
B *mf*
B "I'll send your love to col - lege, all

29
S for a year or two, And then, when the years have passed, he
A for a year or two, And then, when the years have passed, he
T for a year or two, And then, when the years have passed, he
B for a year or two, And then, when the years have passed, he

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33 *cresc.* *2*

S will be wed to you; I'll buy him white rib - bons, tie them

A will be wed to you; I'll buy him white rib - bons, tie them

T will be wed to you; I'll buy him white rib - bons, tie them

B will be wed to you; I'll buy him white rib - bons, tie them

37 *dim.*

S round his bon - ny waist, To let the la - dies know that he's

A round his bon - ny waist, To let the la - dies know that he's

T round his bon - ny waist, To let the la - dies know that he's

B round his bon - ny waist, To let the la - dies know that he's

41 *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

S mar - ried, Mar - ried, mar - ried, To

A mar - ried, Mar - ried, mar - ried, To

T mar - ried, Mar - ried, mar - ried, To

B mar - ried, Mar - ried, mar - ried, To

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45 *dim.*
S let the la - dies know that he's mar - ried."
A *dim.* let the la - dies know that he's mar - ried."
T *dim.* let the la - dies know that he's mar - - - ried."
B *dim.* let the la - dies know that he's mar - ried."

49 *p* Ah, oo, *(half closed lips)*
A oo, *(half closed lips)*
T *mf* At the age of six - teen, he
B

53 oo,
A oo,
T was a mar - ried man, At the age of sev - en - teen, he was
B *p* *(half closed lips)* oo,

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S *cresc.* oo, *cresc.*

A oo,

T *cresc.* fa - ther to a son, At the age of eight - een, the green

B *cresc.* oo,

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S *p* Cru - el death soon put an end to his

A *p* Cru - el death soon put an end to his

T *p* grass grew o - ver him. Cru - el death soon put an end to his

B *p* Cru - el death soon put an end to his

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S *p* grow - ing. Ah,

A *pp* grow - ing, to his grow - ing.

T *pp* grow - ing, to his grow - ing.

B grow - ing.

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S And

A And

T He shall have a

B Shall

73

S he shall have a shroud of the ver - y best of brown, And *cresc.*

A he shall have a shroud of the ver - y best of brown, And *cresc.*

T shroud of the ver - y best of brown, And *cresc.*

B have a shroud of brown, And *cresc.*

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S whilst in the mak - ing the tears, they shall run down, Cry - ing, *mf*

A whilst in the mak - ing the tears, they shall run down, Cry - ing, *mf*

T whilst in the mak - ing the tears, they shall run down, Cry - ing, *mf*

B whilst in the mak - ing the tears, they shall run down, Cry - ing, *mf*

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S "Once I'd a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, So, _____

A "Once I'd a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, So,

T "Once I'd a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, So,

B "Once _____ I'd a sweet - - - - heart, So,

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S fare you well, my own true love, for - ev - er, ev - er - more." Cry - ing,

A fare you well, my own true love, for - ev - er, ev - er - more." Cry - ing,

T fare you well, my own true love, for - ev - er, ev - er - more." Cry - ing,

B fare you well, my own true love, for - ev - er, ev - er - more." Cry - ing,

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S "Once I'd a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, So, _____ *rall. al fine* *espress.*

A "Once _____ I'd _____ a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, *rall. al fine*

T "Once I'd _____ a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, *rall. al fine*

B "Once I'd a sweet - heart, but now I've nev - er a one, *rall. al fine*

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S
fare you well, — my own true love, *pp* for - ev - er, ev - er - more.”

A
pp for - ev - er, ev - er - more.”

T
pp for - ev - er, ev - er - more.”

B
pp for - ev - er, ev - er - more.”

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