

Butcher Boy

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D In London City where I did dwell

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A butcher boy, I loved so well

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He courted me, my life away

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But now with me, he will not stay

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(tab repeats for each following verse)

I wish I wish, I wish in vain
 I wish I were a maid again
 A maid again I ne're will be
 Till cherries grow
 On an Ivy tree.

I wish my baby it was born
 And smiling on its daddy's knee
 And me, poor girl to be dead and gone
 With the long green grass grown over me.

She went upstairs to go to bed
 And calling to her mother said,
 'Give me a chair till I sit down
 and pen and ink, till I write down'.

And every word, she dropped a tear
And every line, cried Willie dear
Oh what a foolish girl was I
To be lead astray, by a butcher boy.

He went upstairs and the door he broke
And found her hang from a rope
And with his knife, he cut her down,
And in her pocket, these words he found.

Oh make my grave large, wide and deep.
Put a marble stone at my head and feet.
And in the middle, a turtle dove,
That the world may know, I died for love.