

**Cruel Brother**

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There were three sisters lived in a hall  
Och aye and a lily gay  
There came a knight and he wooed them all  
Oh the rose is aye the redder aye

Then the first one she was dressed in green  
Would you fancy me and be my queen

And the second one she was dressed in yellow  
Would you fancy me and be my marrow

And the third one she was dressed in red  
Would you fancy me and be my bride

You may seek frae my faither dear  
And from my mother wha did me bear

You may seek me frae my sister Ann  
And dinna forget my brother John

Oh he's sought her frae her father the King  
And he's sought her frae her mother the Queen

And he's sought her frae her sister Ann  
But he forgot to speak to her brother John

And her mother dressed her in her goon  
And her sister tied the flounces on

And her father mounted her on her horse  
And her brother led her to the course

And he's ta'en a blade both long and sharp  
And he's pierced the bonnie bride to the heart

Oh lead me gently up yon hill  
And there I'll sit and make my will  
And what will you leave to your father dear  
The bonnie white stead that brought me here

And what will you leave to your mother dear

The bloody robes that I do wear

And what will you leave to your sister Ann  
The golden ring frae off my hand

And what will you leave to your brother John  
The gallows tree for to hang him on

Note other refrains in Child:

Fine flowers in the valley  
With the light green and the yellow  
(or With the red the green and the yellow)

With a hey ho and a lillie gay  
And the primrose spreads so sweetly  
(or As the rose was so sweetly blown)  
(or And the rose it smells so sweetly)

Gilliver, Gentle, and Rosemary  
Sing oh the rose and the white lily

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