

Greensleeves

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Traditional English

Am G Am E
Alas, my love, you do me wrong, to cast me off discourteously.
Am G Am E Am
For I have loved you well and long, delighting in your company.

CHORUS:

G Am E
Greensleeves was all my joy. Greensleeves was my delight.
G Am E Am
Greensleeves was my heart of gold, and who but my Lady Greensleeves.

I have been ready at your hand, to grant whatever thou wouldst crave,
I have both wagered life and land, your love and good-will for to have.

CHORUS:

I bought three kerchers to thy head, that were wrought fine and gallantly;
I kept them both at board and bed, which cost my purse well-favour'dly.

CHORUS:

I bought thee petticoats of the best, the cloth so fine as fine might be:
I gave thee jewels for thy chest; and all this cost I spent on thee.

CHORUS:

Thy smock of silk both fair and white, with gold embroidered gorgeously;
Thy petticoat of Sendall right; and this I bought thee gladly.
[alt: A petticoat of sendell right, with gold embroidered gorgeously.
A petticoat of silken white, and these I bought thee gladly.]

CHORUS:

Thy girdle of gold so red, with pearls bedecked sumptuously,
The like no other lasses had; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

Thy purse, and eke thy gay gilt knives, thy pin-case, gallant to the eye;
No better wore the Burgesses' wives; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

Thy crimson stockings all of silk, with gold all wrought above the knee,
Thy pumps as white as was the milk, and yet thou wouldst not love me.

CHORUS:

Thy gown was of the grassy green, thy sleeves of satin hanging by;
Which made thee be our harvest queen; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

Thy garters fringed with the gold, and silver aglets hanging by;
Which made thee blithe for to behold; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

My gayest gelding thee I gave, to ride wherever liked thee;
No lady ever was so brave; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

My men were clothed all in green, and they did ever wait on thee;
All this was gallant to be seen, and yet thou wouldst not love me.

CHORUS:

They set thee up, they took thee down, they served thee with humility;
Thy foot might not once touch the ground; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

For every morning, when thou rose, I sent thee dainties, orderly,

To cheer thy stomach from all woes; and yet thou wouldst not love me!

CHORUS:

Thou couldst desire no earthly thing, but still thou hadst it readily.
Thy music still to play and sing; and yet thou wouldst not love me.

CHORUS:

And who did pay for all this gear, that thou didst spend when pleased thee?
Even I that am rejected here, and thou disdainst to love me!

Well, I will pray to God on high, that thou my constancy mayst see,
And that yet once before I die, thou wilt vouchsafe to love me.

CHORUS:

If you intend thus to disdain, it does the more enrapture me,
And even so, I still remain a lover in captivity.

CHORUS:

Ah, Greensleeves, now farewell, adieu, to God I pray to prosper thee,
For I am still thy lover true, come once again and love me.

CHORUS:

Your vows you've broken, like my heart, oh, why did you so enrapture me?
Now, I remain in a world apart but my heart remains in captivity.

CHORUS: