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## Anna Baddley

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Pretty Anna Baddelly was the fairest young maid  
All the girls in Stony Middleton they walked in her shade  
Many young men came a-courting her but of them she knew none  
And they said that Anna Baddelly had a heart made of stone

Oh Lovely Anna Baddelly the fairest of all  
'Twas your pride and your beauty that proved your downfall

But one of the suitors he would not cease to try  
And he often attempted to try catch Anna's eye  
'Til he passed by her window one morning so clear  
And she said to him "Good morning sweet William my dear"

Now William courted Anna for the best part of a year  
And arm in arm like cupids to the world they'd appear  
'Til young William lost interest and he would not say why  
Which left her broken hearted for to weep and to cry

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Now Anna's life was nothing now without the love of her man  
Every time she tried to see him he turned and he ran  
So this young girl went walking and grievously wept  
From the cliff over Stony Middleton broken hearted she leapt

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But the fates they were against her even in her last hour  
As she fell she struck a thorny bush and she landed in a bower  
Then the villagers came and found her and carried her home  
Where she died two years later unloved and alone

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