

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Lavender Blue

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This I must say, dilly dilly, and it is true,  
You must love me, dilly dilly, 'cause I love you.  
Lavender's green, dilly dilly, Lavender's blue.  
I'll be your queen, dilly dilly, when I wed you.  
Send for your men, dilly dilly, set them to hoe,  
Set them to reap, dilly dilly, set them to mow,  
Some to cut hay, dilly dilly, some to cut corn,  
While you and I, dilly dilly, keep ourselves warm.

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,  
When you are King, dilly dilly, I'll be your queen,  
Who told me so, dilly dilly, how can I know,  
I told myself, dilly dilly, love told me so.

When you're away, dilly dilly, work all day through,  
I'll be at home, dilly dilly, waiting for you.  
Lavender's green, dilly dilly, Lavender's blue.  
I'll be your queen, dilly dilly, when I wed you.  
While you're at work, dilly dilly, I'll brew your beer,  
When you come home, dilly dilly, I'll be your dear,  
I'll serve your meat, dilly dilly, I'll bake your bread,  
I'll share your board, dilly dilly, I'll share your bed.

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,  
When you are King, dilly dilly, I'll be your queen,  
Who told me so, dilly dilly, how can I know,  
I told myself, dilly dilly, love told me so.

Wedding's for life, dilly dilly, love is to share,  
And love must grow, dilly dilly, with joy and care.  
Lavender's green, dilly dilly, Lavender's blue.  
I'll be your queen, dilly dilly, when I wed you.  
If you love me, dilly dilly, never to roam,  
If I love you, dilly dilly, babies must come.  
Pink for a girl, dilly dilly, blue for a boy,  
Binding us close, dilly dilly, bringing us joy.

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,  
When you are King, dilly dilly, I'll be your queen,  
Who told me so, dilly dilly, how can I know,  
I told myself, dilly dilly, love told me so.

Close we will live, dilly dilly, and when we die,  
Both in one grave, dilly dilly, close we will lie,  
Lavender's green, dilly dilly, Lavender's blue.  
I'll be your queen, dilly dilly, when I wed you.  
If I die first, dilly dilly, and that may be,  
You must live on, dilly dilly, thinking of me.  
If you die first, dilly dilly, maybe you will,  
I will live on, dilly dilly, loving you still.

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,  
When you are King, dilly dilly, I'll be your queen,  
Who told me so, dilly dilly, how can I know,  
I told myself, dilly dilly, love told me so.

This is a newer version of a song that goes back to at least 1680. The version in the movie 'So Dear To My Heart' spawned 4 hit recordings in 1949, including one by Burl Ives.

See also: DIDDLE, DIDDLE (Or The Kind Country Lovers)  
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