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1.
Roses in and roses out,
Roses in the garden:
I would not give a bunch of flowers
For twopence halfpenny farthing.

2.
Roses up and roses doon,
Roses in the garden;
I wadna gie ye a bunch o flooers
For tenpence halfpenny farden.

Take her by the lily-white hand,
Lead her across the water;
Gie her a kiss, and one, two, three,
For she's a lady's daughter.

(1) Nicholson Golspie (1897), 133; tune, p. 201, also sung to "I'll take her by the lily white hand" and "I've a lad at Golspie." Part of a line game sequence; one informant substitutes for 3-4 the last two of "I'll take her" etc., q.v. These two stanzas were often combined with "Queen Mary", q.v.; the whole sequence seems to combine a series of floaters.

(2) SC (1948), 81 (114), from Berwick.

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