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Black-Eyed Mary

(alternate:)

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It was a Sunday mornin', So early I arose An' went to see my true love It was my heart's delight (repose)

My true love she is handsome, Both proper, neat an' small, They say that she's good-natured, An' that's the best of all.

Her hair is black as a raven Her eyes are black as a crow, Her cheeks resembles roses All in the mornin' glow.

It was on Sunday mornin' I passed my true love by, I seen her mind was changin' By the movement of her eye.

I seen her mind was changin', Some other love degree, I seen her mind was changin' Most bitterly from me.

Oh Mary, don't you remember You give me your hand an' said, If ever you was married That I should be the man?

But now you got your liberty To wed with who you please, While my poor heart is breakin' You're a-restin'at your ease.

While sailin' o'er the deep, boys, While sailin' o'er the deep, I think of black-eyed Mary Just as I go to sleep.

From Ozark Folksongs, Randolph