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Oh the sky was clear, the morn was fair Not a breath came over the sea When Mary left her highland home And wandered forth with me Though flowers decked the mountainside And fragrance filled the vale By far the sweetest flower there Was the rose of Allandale

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Where'er I wander to the east and to the west And fate began to lower A solace still was she to me In sorrow's lonely hour Though tempest wreck my lonely barque And may rend the quivering sail One maiden warm withstood the storm Twas the rose of Allandale

And when my feeble lips were parched On Africa's burning sands She whispered hopes of happiness And tales of foreign lands My life had been a wilderness Unblessed by fortune's gales Had fate not linked my lot to her Sweet rose of Allandale

sung by Jean Redpath SOF