

The SALLEY GARDENS

DOWN BY THE SALLEY GARDENS
MY LOVE AND I DID MEET
SHE PASSED THE SALLEY GARDENS
ON LITTLE SNOW-WHITE FEET
SHE BID ME TAKE LIFE EASY
AS THE LEAVES GROW UPON THE TREE
BUT I, BEING YOUNG AND FOOLISH
WITH HER DID NOT AGREE

IN A FIELD DOWN BY THE RIVER
MY LOVE AND I DID STAND
AND ON MY LEANING SHOULDER
SHE LAID HER SNOW-WHITE HAND
SHE BID ME TAKE LIFE EASY
AS THE GRASS GROWS ON THE WEIRS
BUT I WAS YOUNG AND FOOLISH
AND NOW AM FULL OF TEARS.

WHEN I WAS ONE-AND-TWENTY
I HEARD A WISE MAN SAY,
"GIVE CROWNS AND POUNDS AND GUINEAS
BUT NOT YOUR HEART AWAY:
GIVE PEARLS AWAY AND RUBIES
BUT KEEP YOUR FANCY FREE."
BUT I WAS ONE-AND-TWENTY,
NO NEED TO TALK TO ME.

WHEN I WAS ONE-AND-TWENTY
I HEARD HIM SAY AGAIN,
"THE HEART OUT OF THE BOSOM
WAS NEVER GIVEN IN VAIN:
'TIS PAID WITH SIGHS A PLENTY
AND SOLD FOR ENDLESS RUE."
AND I AM TWO-AND-TWENTY
AND OH, 'TIS TRUE, 'TIS TRUE.