

36 It's of a Young Shopkeeper - Elizabeth

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2
Her parents contrivèd to send her away;
they sent her to London and there for to stay.
She hadn't been gone but a month and a day,
before she wrote her love a letter she was coming away.

3
Her love wrote back another, 'God speed you long life
and, if ever I return again, I will make you my wife.
For what I have suffered no man shall ever know,
for I will come unto you whatsoever I go through.'

4
There's one a-coming up, and the other going down;
this damsel being tired she sat herself down.
She gave a long sigh and her tender heart did break,
and she died on the road for her true lover's sake.

5
Her love being tired, he goes to the Inn,
and called for a bottle to drink with his friend.
He said, 'I'm a man of war that has come from abroad,
come show to me the damsel that died on the road.'

6
'This is an heiresses corpse,' then said he.
And when he came to her, he said, 'This is she.
It is my dearest jewel and the only one I crave,
so let me and my true love both lie in one grave.'

7
Then dig a grave that is long, wide, and deep,
with a marble stone at the head and the feet.
And in the middle two true turtle doves
to show all the world we died in true love.'