

39 Just as the Tide was Flowing - Mr Harper

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1
 One morning in the month of May, down by a rolling river,
 a jolly sailor he did stray where he beheld some lover.
 She carelessly along did stray, a-viewing of the daisies gay.
 She sweetly sang her roundalay just as the tide was flowing.

2
 Her dress it was as white as milk, and jewels did adorn her
 skin;
 her shoes were of crimson silk, just like some lady of honour.
 Her cheeks were red, her eyes were brown, her hair in
 ringlets hanging down,
 her lovely brow without a frown, just as the tide was flowing.

3
 I made a bow and said, 'Fair maid, how came you here so
 early?
 My heart by you it is betrayed, and I could love you dearly.
 I am a sailor come from sea, if you will accept my company
 to walk and view the fishes play, just as the tide was flowing.'

4
 O it's there we walked and there we talked as we ganged
 down together;
 the little lambs did skip and play, and pleasant was the
 weather.
 O being weary, we both sat down underneath a tree where
 branches hang around,
 and what was done shall ne'er be known, just when the tide
 was flowing.

5
 'O,' she says, 'I've twenty pound in store; meet me here
 when you will have more.
 My jolly sailor I adore all as the tide was flowing.'
 O It's to some public house we'll go where ale and wine
 and brandy flow.'
 Success to the girl that will do just so, just as the tide is
 flowing.