

Just as the Tide was Flowing - Mr Gorble



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

2
Oh her dress it was so white as milk
and jewels did around her.
Her shoes was of the crimson silk
just like some lady [of honour].
Her cheeks was red, her eyes was brown,
her hair in ringlets hanging down;
her lovely brow without a frown,
just as the tide was a-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'll accept of my company
for to walk and to view of the fishes play
just as the tide was a-flowing.'

4
No more was said, but on our way
we both did gang together.
The small birds sang and lambs did play,
and pleasant was the weather.
Oh we was weary and both sat down
beneath a tree with branches round,
and what was done shall ne'er be known
just as the tide was a-flowing.

5
And as she laid all on the grass
her colour kept changing.
'Alas!' cried out my lovely lass,
'never let your mind be changing.
She gives me twenty pounds in store,
saying, 'Meet me when you will, there's more,
for my jolly sailor I adore
just as the tide was a-flowing.'

6
We both shook hands and off did steer.
Jack tar loves rum and brandy
to keep his shipmates in full cheer;
for the lady's gold was handy.
With some other girl then he will go
to some public house where brandy flow;
success to the girl that will do so
just as the tide was a-flowing.