

Just as the Tide was Flowing - Mr Lock 1908

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1
One morning in the month of May,
down by some rolling river,
a jolly sailor, I did stray,
when I beheld some [lover].
So carelessly along did stray
a-picking of the daisies gay;
so sweet she sung in the month of May
just while the tide was a-flowing.

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

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

4
No more we said, but on the way,
we ganged along together,
the small birds sang and the lambs did play,
and pleasant was the weather.
When we are weary we will sit down
beneath the tree with the branches round,
and what was done shall never be found
just while the tide is a-flowing.

5
But as she lay upon the grass,
her colours they kept changing,
till she cried out, and said, 'Alas,
never let your mind be ranging.
Here is twenty pounds I have in store,
meet me where you will, there's plenty more.
Oh my jolly sailor I'll adore,
just while the tide is a-flowing.'

6
We both shook hands and off we steer;
Jack tar drinks rum and brandy
to keep our shipmates in good cheer
while the lady's gold is handy.
And along with another pretty girl I will go
to the public house where the brandy do flow;
success to the girl that will do so,
just while the tide is a-flowing.