

IN SHEFFIELD PARK

Vaughan Williams here gives us Mr Broomfield's variants to the song as taken from a ballad sheet as he notes in the manuscript for words see ballad sheets.

- I 4 But now he's left me full of pain
- II 1 laid myself down
- III 4 What is amiss? with me
- IV 1 my mistress she came back to me
- V 1 Kivery?

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In Sheffield Park O there did dwell
A brisk young lad I lov'd him well
He courted me my heart to gain
He is gone and left me full of pain

I went upstairs to make the bed
I laid me down and nothing said
My mistress came to me and said
What is the matter with you my maid

O mistress mistress you little know
The pain and sorrow I undergo
It's put your hand on my left breast
My panting heart can take no rest

My mistress away from me did go
Some help some help I will have for you
No help no help no help I crave
Sweet William brought me to the grave

So take this letter to him with speed
And give it to him if he can read
And bring me an answer without delay
For he has stole my heart away

She took the letter immediately
He read it over while she stood by
And soon he did the letter burn
Leaving this maid to make her moan

How can she think how fond I'd be
That I could fancy none but she
Man was not made for one alone
I take delight to hear her moan

Then she returned immediately
And found her maid as cold as clay
Beware young maids don't love in vain
For love has broke her heart in twain

She gathered the green grass for her bed
And a flowery pillow for her head
The leaves that blow from tree to tree
Shall be a covering over thee

O cruel man I find thou art
For breaking my own child's heart
Soon she in Abraham's bosom sleeps
While thy tormented soul shall weep