

AS I WALKED OUT

This is the same song as Died for Love collected from Mr Broomfield on 4th Dec 1903. This version was written more neatly and could have been a fine copy of the earlier text. I think that it is more likely that Vaughan Williams collected it again as the earlier version has a badly remembered third verse. This version was the one printed in the Folk Song Journal Vol 8 where the date is given as Oct 6 1904. This could be correct as our dates are taken in the order of appearance in the MSS and these two songs could have been collected earlier as no date is given.

As I walked out one May morning
So early in the spring
I placed my back against the old garden gate
And I heard my true love sing

To hear my true love sing my boys
To hear what she had for to say
'Tis now very near three quarters of a year
Since you and I together did stay

Come now my love and sit down by me
Where the leaves are springing green
'Tis now very near three quarters of a year
Since you and I together have been

I will not come and sit down by you
Nor yet no other young man
Since you have been courting some other young girl
Your heart is no longer mine

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