The Unquiet Grave

How cold the Winds do blow.



1.

"How cold the winds do blow, dear love!
And a few small drops of rain!
I never, never had but one true love,
In the greenwood he was slain.

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I'll do as much for my true love As any young girl may: I'll sit and mourn upon his grave For twelve months and a day."

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When twelve months and a day were up Then he began to speak "O, who is it sits upon my grave And will not let me sleep?"

4.

"It's I, it's I, your own true love, Your own true love!"said she "One single sweet kiss from your clay-cold lips! That's all I want from thee!"

5.

"My lips they are as cold as any clay, My breath is heavy and strong, If you were to kiss my clay-cold lips Your life it won't be long.

6.

It's down in yonder garden, love, Where we were used to walk, There's finest flowers that ever grew All withered to the stalk.

7.

They're withered and dried up, dear love, Never to return any day, So it's you, and I, and all must die, When Christ calls us away."

[Sung by Mrs. Rugman, 1896]