

Greensleeves

English folk melody

1. A - las my loue, ye do me wrong, to cast me off dis -
 4 cur-teous-ly: And I haue lou - ed you so long De -
 7 lighting in your companie. Green-sleeues was all my ioy,
 11 Green - sleeues was my de-light: Green-sleeues was my
 14 heart of gold, And who but La - die Green - sleeues.

2. I haue been readie at your hand,
 to grant what euer you would craue.
 I haue both waged life and land,
 your loue and good will for to haue.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
3. I bought three kerchers to thy head,
 that were wrought fine and gallantly:
 I kept thee both boord and bed,
 Which cost my purse wel fauouredly,
 Greensleeues was all my ioie, &c.
4. I bought thee peticotes of the best,
 the cloth so fine as might be:
 I gaue thee iewels for thy chest,
 and all this cost I spent on thee.
 Greensleeues was all my ioie, &c.
5. Thy smock of silk, both faire and white,
 with gold embrodered gorgeously:
 Thy peticote of Sendall right:
 and thus I bought thee gladly.
 Greensleeues was all my ioie, &c.
6. Thy girdle of gold so red,
 with pearles bedecked sumptuously:
 The like no other lasses had,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me,
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
7. Thy purse and eke thy gay guilt kniues,
 thy pincase gallant to the ete:
 No better wore the Burgesse wiues,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
8. Thy crimson stockings all of silk,
 with golde all wrought about the knee,
 Thy pumps as white as was the milk,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
9. Thy gown was of the grossie green,
 thy sleeues of Satten hanging by:
 Which made thee be our haruest Queen,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
10. Thy garters fringed with the golde,
 And siluer aglets hanging by,
 Which made thee blithe for to beholde,
 And yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
11. My gayest gelding I thee gaue,
 To ride where euer liked thee,
 No Ladie euer was so braue,
 And yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
12. My men were clothed all in green,
 And they did euer wait on thee:
 Al this was gallant to be seen,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
13. They set thee vp, they took thee downe,
 they serued thee with humilitie,
 Thy foote might not once touch the ground,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
14. For euerie morning when thou rose,
 I sent thee dainties orderly:
 To cheare thy stomack from all woes,
 and yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.
15. Thou couldst desire no earthly thing.
 But stil thou hadst it readily:
 Thy musicke still to play and sing,
 And yet thou wouldst not loue me.
 Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.

16. And who did pay for all this geare,
that thou didst spend when pleased thee?
Euen I that am reiected here,
and thou disdainst to loue me.
Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.

17. Wel, I wil pray to God on hie,
that thou my constancie maist see:
And that yet once before I die,
thou wilt vouchsafe to loue me.
Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.

18. Greensleeues now farewell adue,
God I pray to prosper thee:
For I am stil thy louer true,
come once againe and loue me.
Greensleeues was all my ioy, &c.