Greensleeves

Шотландская народная баллада



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(poss. Henry VIII of England, 1500's.)

Alas my love, you do me wrong To cast me off discourteously, And I have loved you so long, Delighting in your company.

CHORUS: Greensleeves was all my joy, Greensleeves was my delight; Greensleeves was my heart of gold, And who but Lady Greensleeves?

Thou canst desire no Earthly thing But still thou hadst it readily Thy music still I play and sing And yet thou wouldst not love me

Well will I pray to God on high That thou my constancy may'st see And that once more before I die Thou wouldst vouchsafe to love me

I have been ready at your hand, To grant whatever you would crave; I have both waged life and land, Your love and good will for to have.

I bought thee kerchiefs for thy head, That were wrought fine and gallantly; I kept thee both at board and bed, Which cost my purse well favoredly.

I bought thee petti coats of the best, The cloth so fine as fine might be; I gave thee jewels for thy chest, And all this cost I spent on thee.

Thy smock of silk, both fair and white, With gold embroidered gorgeously, Thy petticoat of Sendall right.