

THE BONNY BOY

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Oh the trees are growing high, my love, and the grass is
growing green
And many's the cold and bitter night since I my love have
seen
It is a cold and bitter night that I must lie alone
Oh the Bonny Boy is young, but he's growing!

Oh father, dear father, I think you did me wrong
For to go and get me married to one who is so young
For he is but sixteen and I am twenty-one
Oh the bonny boy is young but he's growing.

Oh daughter, dear daughter, I did not do you wrong
For to go and get you married to one who is so young
He will be a match for you when I am dead and gone
Oh the bonny boy is young but he's growing

Oh father, dear father, I'll tell you what I'll do
I'll send my love to college for another year or two
And all around his college cap I'll bind a ribbon blue
To show the other girls that he's married

'Twas at the age of sixteen years he was a married man
And at the age of seventeen, the father of a son
But at the age of eighteen, o'er his grave the grass grew green
Cruel death put an end to his growing

I will buy my love a shroud of the finest Holland brown
And whilst I am a weaving it, the tears they will flow down
For once I had a true love, but now he's lying low
And I'll nurse his bonny boy while he's growing!