

## ***The MAID of the SWEET BROWN KNOWE***

**COME ALL YE LADS AND LASSIES AND LISTEN TO ME AWHILE  
I'LL SING TO YOU A VERSE OR TWO THAT'S SURE TO MAKE YOU SMILE  
IT'S ALL ABOUT A YOUNG MAN AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU NOW  
HOW HE LATELY CAME A COURTING  
THE MAID OF THE SWEET BROWN KNOWE!**

**SAID HE "MY PRETTY FAIR MAID, WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME?  
WE'LL BOTH GO OFF TOGETHER AND MARRIED WE WILL BE;  
WE'LL JOIN OUR HANDS IN WEDLOCK BANDS  
AS I'M SPEAKING TO YOU NOW  
AND I'LL DO MY BEST ENDEAVOR FOR  
THE MAID OF THE SWEET BROWN KNOWE!"**

**THIS FAIR AND FICKLE YOUNG THING, SHE KNEW NOT WHAT TO SAY  
HER EYES DID SHINE LIKE SILVER BRIGHT AND MERRILY DID PLAY  
SHE SAID "YOUNG MAN, YOUR LOVE SUBDUE, FOR I'M NOT READY NOW  
AND I'LL SPEND ANOTHER SEASON  
AT THE FOOT OF THE SWEET BROWN KNOWE!"**

**SAID HE "MY PRETTY FAIR MAID, HOW CAN YOU ANSWER SO?  
LOOK DOWN IN YONDER VALLEY WHERE MY CROPS DO GENTLY GROW  
LOOK DOWN IN YONDER VALLEY WHERE MY HORSES, MEN, AND PLOW  
ARE AT THEIR BEST ENDEAVOR  
FOR THE MAID OF THE SWEET BROWN KNOWE!"**

**"IF THEY'RE AT THEIR DAILY LABOR, THEN SURE IT'S NOT FOR ME -  
I'VE HEARD OF YOUR BEHAVIOR, I HAVE INDEED," SAID SHE  
"THERE IS AN INN WHERE YOU CALL IN, I'VE HEARD THE PEOPLE SAY  
WHERE YOU RAP AND CALL AND PAY FOR ALL  
AND GO HOME AT THE BREAK OF DAY!"**

**"IF I RAP AND CALL AND PAY FOR ALL, MY MONEY IS ALL MY OWN  
AND I'LL NEVER SPEND YOUR FORTUNE,  
FOR I HEAR THAT YOU HAVE NONE!  
YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD MY POOR HEART BROKE  
BY MEETING WITH ME NOW  
BUT I'LL LEAVE YOU WHERE I FOUND YOU -  
AT THE FOOT OF THE SWEET BROWN KNOWE!"**