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A STRANGER I CAME
I PLACED MY AFFECTIONS
ON A CHARMING YOUNG DAME
SHE SEEMED FAIR AND TENDER
WITH A WAIST SMALL AND SLENDER
KIND NATURE HAD FORMED HER
FOR MY OVERTHROW!

ON THE BANKS OF THE BANN
IT WAS THERE I FIRST MET HER
SHE APPEARED LIKE GREAT JUNO
OR THE FAIR GRECIAN QUEEN
HER EYES SHONE LIKE DIAMONDS
OR STARS BRIGHTLY GLEAMING
HER CHEEKS WERE LIKE ROSES
NEWLY FALLEN ON SNOW

BUT IT WAS HER CRUEL PARENTS
THAT FIRST SOUGHT OUR VARIANCE
ALL BECAUSE SHE IS RICH
AND ABOVE MY DEGREE
BUT I'LL DO MY BEST ENDEAVOR
TO GAIN MY LOVE'S FAVOR
ALTHOUGH SHE IS COME
FROM A RICH FAMILY

IF I HAD ALL THE MONEY
THAT LIES IN THE INDIES
OR ALL OF THE WEALTH
THAT IS IN A QUEEN'S STORE
I'D SPEND IT ALL ON DIAMONDS
FOR TO DECK YOU, MY SWEET GIRL
FOR THERE'S NO OTHER CHARMER
IN THE WORLD I ADORE!

AND ONCE THAT I'VE GAINED HER
I'LL BE CONTENTED FOREVER
I'LL PUT RINGS ON HER FINGERS
AND GOLD IN HER EAR
AND THERE ON THE BANKS
OF THE BONNY BANN RIVER
IN ALL SORTS OF SPLENDOR
I'LL LIVE WITH MY DEAR!