

Annie Lee

I've writ - ten him a let - - ter to tell him he is free,
 And this mo - ment and for ev - - er he is no - thing more to me,
 My heart is light and gay, _____ for since the deed is done
 I'll let him know when court - ing, he should on - ly court but one.
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Variant verse 2
 cant-ered by his side, Yes! and I'll

2. All the people in the village knew that he was courting me,
 And this morning he went riding with that saucy Annie Lee.
 And they said he smiled upon her as she cantered by his side,
 Yes! and I'll warrant he has promised to make her soon his bride. (Repeat last line)
3. At twilight in the evening he said he'd visit me,
 But no doubt he's still with Annie, and he can be with her for me.
 For sure as I am living if he comes here any more
 I'll look as though we never, no, never met before. (Repeat last line)
4. It is time he should be coming. Oh! I wonder if he will.
 If he does I'll look as cool - what's that shadow on the hill?
 It is someone in the moonlight, it is someone drawing near,
 Yes! and it is his figure just as true as I am here. (Repeat last line)
5. Now I am sorry I have written to tell him he is free,
 No doubt it was a story that he rode with Annie Lee.
 He is coming through the gateway and I'll meet him at the door,
 And I'll tell him I still loves him if he'll court Miss Lee no more. (Repeat last line)

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