

Still Growing

1. Oh the trees they do grow high ___ and the leaves they do grow ___ green. The
 day is gone and past, my love, that you and I have seen.
 It's a cold and win - try night, my love ___ and I must [weep and]
 lie a - lone ___ my bon - ny boy is young but a grow - ing.

2. "O father O father you have done me some wrong,
 You have made me get married to a young man, although I am too young,
 For he is only sixteen years and I am twenty-one
 For my bonny boy is young but he's growing."
3. "O it's daughter dearest daughter, I'll tell you what we'll do,
 We'll send your love to college for another year or two
 And all around his college cap, we'll tie a ribbon blue
 O a lady you shall be when he's done growing."
4. I went unto the college and I peep-ed over the wall,
 I saw four and twenty young gentlemen, they was playing at the ball
 And there I saw my own true love, the flower of them all,
 For my bonny boy is young but a-growing.
5. Now the age of seventeen, he was a married man
 And the age of eighteen, he was the father of a son,
 At the age of nineteen, the grass grew over him.
 Cruel death soon put an end to his growing.
6. I will buy my love a coffin, the best of Erin brown
 And while that they are making it, the tears they will run down
 I'll weep for him, I'll mourn for him until the day I die
 And I'll raise his loving son while he's growing.

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