

Queen of Sweet May

(As I Walked through the Meadows)

1. As I walked through the meadows to take the fresh air, the flowers were blooming and
gay - - I met a fair maiden so sweet-ly a - singing, her cheeks like the blossoms in May.

2 I said 'pretty maiden, may I come with you
To the meadows to gather some may?'
The maiden replied 'In my path it is here.
I pray you pursue your own way.'

3. She tripp-ed along on her dear little feet
On the green mossy bank she sat down
I gave her a kiss on her sweet rosy lips
And the trees spread their branches around

4. I took the fair maid by her lily-white hand,
And to the meadows we wandered away
I then sat her down on a green mossy bank
And I picked her a handful of may.

5 The very next morning I made her my bride
Just after the breaking of day
The bells they did ring and the birds they did sing
As they crowned her the queen of sweet May.

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