

## Cold Blows the Wind (The Unquiet Grave)

Musical notation for the song 'Cold Blows the Wind' in 4/4 time, G major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Cold blows the wind o'er my true love, Cold falls the drops of rain I nev-er nev-er had but one true love, And in green-wood he was slain.

2. I will do as much for my true love  
As any young girl could do  
I'll sit and weep all over his grave  
For twelve months and one day.
3. When the twelve month and one day was o'er,  
His ghost begun for to speak,  
"Why sit you here all on my grave  
And will not let me sleep?"
4. "There's one thing more I want, sweetheart,  
And one thing more I crave,  
And that's a kiss from your lily-white lips  
And then I'll go from your grave."
5. "My lips are cold as clay, sweetheart,  
My breath smells heavy and strong,  
And if you kiss my lily-white lips,  
Your time would not be long."
6. "'Tis down in yonder garden green,  
Love, where we used to walk.  
The finest flower that e'er was seen  
Is withered to a stalk."
7. "The stalk is withered and dry, sweetheart,  
And the flower will never return.  
And since I lost my own true love  
What can I do but mourn?"

Source: William Ballinger, aged 80, Gloucester, 1957, collected by Brian Ballinger

Notes: Mr Ballinger only sang 2 verses on the recording. The rest has been completed from various sources.