

Green Grows the Laurel

(The Orange and the Blue)

1. O green grows the lau - rel and so does the yew, Ve - ry
so - - rry was I when I part - - ed from you, At our
next ha - - ppy mee - ting our joys we'll re - - new, We'll ___
change the green wi - - llow for the or - - ange and blue.

2. I've oftentimes wondered how men could love maids,
But I thousand times wondered how maids could love men,
For they are so deceitful, the truth I will tell,
I'll never love a young man, till he loves me as well.

3. Now I pass my love's window both early and late,
I pass my love's window as I go by the gate.
Don't you think that it caused my heart to break
For to think that she's tied to another.

Source: Mrs Elizabeth Smitherd (Smithers) (65) at Tewkesbury. Collected by Cecil J. Sharp on 11 April 1908.

Notes: Verse 3 added from another Gloucestershire version.