

## Once I loved Roseanne McGonigle

Once I loved with fond affection  
One whose thoughts were dear to me  
But then there came that solemn parting  
Never more will he speak to me.

For now he's gone and love another  
One who has bright gold in store  
While a young maid lie a weeping  
Left alone because I'm poor.

So go and leave me if you wish to  
Don't ever let me cross your mind  
If you think I've proved unworthy  
Go and leave me I don't mind.

Many's the mile with you I'll tarry  
Many's the hour with you I'd spend  
I thought that you would be mine forever  
But love I found has a cruel end.

Many's the night while you lay sleeping  
Dreaming of some sweet repose  
While I a young maid lie a weeping  
Listening to the wind that blows.

So go and leave me if you wish to  
Don't ever let me cross your mind  
If you think I've proved unworthy  
Go and leave me I don't mind.

Fare thee well friends and kind relations  
Fare well to you my false young man  
'Twas you that has caused me pain and sorrow  
Never more will I return.

Here's the ring that once you gave me  
When our love was all truly entwined  
Give it to that dark-eyed maiden  
She'll never know it once was mine.

So go and leave me if you wish to  
Don't ever let me cross your mind  
If you think I've proved unworthy  
Go and leave me I don't mind.