

Wildwood Flower

US trad.

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and folk-like. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: C, G7, C, G7, C, F, C, G7, C. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

I will twine and will min - gle my wav - ing black hair with the ros - es so red and the
lil - ies so fair. The myrtle so green of an em - erald hue, the pale e - mani - ta and vi - lets of blue.

I will twine and will mingle my waving black hair
with the roses so red and the lilies so fair.
The myrtle so green of an emerald hue,
the pale emanita and violets of blue.

Oh he taught me to love him, he called me his flower
A blossom to cheer him through life's weary hour.
But now he has gone and left him alone,
The wild flowers to weep and the wild birds to moan.

Oh he promised to love me, he promised to love
To cherish me always all others above.
I woke from my dream and my idol was clay,
My passion for loving had vanished away

I'll dance and I'll sing and my life shall be gay.
I'll charm every heart in the crowd I survey.
Though my heart now is breaking, he shall never know,
How his name makes me tremble, my pale cheeks to glow.

I'll dance and I'll sing and my life shall be gay.
I'll banish this weeping, drive troubles away.
I'll live yet to see him, regret this dark hour,
When he won and neglected his frail wildwood flower.