

Blackberry Fold

William Crampton

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O hark says the squire I heard a maid call
As they were a-singing a sweet lovely song
Pretty Betsy the milk maid came tripping along.
2. Do you want any milk? Pretty Betsy she said,
Oh yes, said the squire; walk in pretty maid.
Walk in pretty maid; it's you I adore
Was there ever a milkmaid so honoured before?
3. The ring from his finger he instantly drew
And right in the middle he broke it in two
One half he gave to her as I have been told
And away they went walking down Blackberry Fold.