

# The Cottage in the Wood

*Ethel Ford*

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1. I went up to a lonely wood  
And a lonely cottage where it stood  
Where I never had been before  
Where I never had been before
2. I gently tappèd at the door  
And a fair pretty maid sat on the floor  
And I asked her to let me in  
And I asked her to let me in
3. It rains, it hails, it snows, it blows  
And I am wet through in all my clothes  
So I pray you to let me in  
So I pray you to let me in
4. Oh no, says she, that never can be  
There's nobody in the house but me  
So I pray you begone form the door  
So I pray you begone form the door
5. I turned myself round, intending to go  
With little compassion on me to show  
And she called me back again  
And she called me back again
6. Three weeks were spent in sweet content  
And the very next Sunday to church we went

And I made her my charming bride

And I made her my charming bride

“Ethel Ford from her father”