

# Long Longkin

*Collected by Rev. Philip Parsons from a female parishioner, Wye*

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1. My Lord said to my Lady when he went from home  
Take care of Long Longkin he lies in the lone.  
my 'Lady said to my Lord when he went abroad  
I care not for Longkin nor none of his Kin  
For my gate's fast barrd and my windows shut in  
My Lord was not gone many miles from the place  
Until the false Longkin came straight to the place  
He was in league with the nurse who let him in to  
one of the low rooms
2. pinch the Bairn Nourry pinch it very sore,  
Untill the mother shall come down below  
Still the Bairn Nury still it with the pap  
It wont be still'd Madam, with neither this nor that  
Still the Bairn Nury still it with a Bell  
It wont be stilld Madam till you cum down yourself
3. Come down Lady Betty the flower of all your Kin  
And see your mother's hearts blood so freely running  
Down came Lady Betty her heart full of woe  
Oh take my life Longkin and let my Mother go  
Come down Lady Nelly the flower of all your Kin  
And see your sister's hearts blood so freely running  
Down came Lady Nelly her heart full of woe  
Oh take my Life Longkin and let my sister go

Come down Lady Jenny & c

Whilst he and the nurse are plundering the house the Lord  
comes home & avenges himself upon those wicked villains