

the Poetry by

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If maiden, thou would'st wend with me,
To leave both tow'r and town;
Thou first must guess, what life lead we,
That dwell by dale and down:
And if thou can'st that riddle read,
As read full well you may;
Then to the Greenwood shalt thou speed,
As blithe as Queen of May:
Yet sung she, Brignal banks are fair,
And Greta woods are green;
I'd rather range with Edmund there,
Than reign an English Queen. Trio.

3

I read you, by your Bugle horn,
And by your palfrey good;
I read you, for a ranger sworn,
To keep the King's Greenwood:
A ranger, Lady winds his horn,
And tis at peep of light;
His blast is heard at merry morn,
And mine at dead of night:
Yet sung she, Brignal banks are fair,
And Greta woods are gay;
I would I were with Edmund there,
To reign his Queen of May. Trio.

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With burnish brand and musquetoon,
So gallantly you come;
I read you, for a bold dragoon,
That lists the tuck of drum;
I list no more the tuck of drum;
No more the trumpet hear;
But when the beetle sounds his hum,
My comrades take the spear:
And oh, tho Brignal banks be fair,
And Greta woods be gay;
Yet mickle must the maiden dare,
Would reign my Queen of May. Trio.

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Maiden, a nameless life I lead,
A nameless death I'll die;
The fiend, whose lanthern lights the mead,
Were better mate than I:
And when I'm with my comrades met,
Beneath the Greenwood bough;
What once we were, we all forget,
Nor think what we are now:
Yet Brignal banks are fresh and fair,
And Greta woods are green;
And you may gather garlands there,
Would grace a summer Queen. Trio.



Trio to 2 Verse.

Yet sung she, Brignal banks are fair, And Gretna woods are green; I'd rather range with Edmund there, Than reign an English Queen.

Trio to 3 Verse.

Yet sung she, Brignal banks are fair, And Gretna woods are gay; I would I were with Edmund there, To reign his Queen of May.

Trio to 4 Verse.

And oh, tho Brignal banks be fair,
And Gretna woods be gay;
Yet mickle must the maiden dare,
Would reign my Queen of May.

Trio to 5 Verse.

Yet Brignal banks are fresh and fair,
And Gretna woods are green;
And you may gather garlands there,
Would grace a summer Queen.