

## LORD RANDAL (traditional Kentucky)

*I thought it would be fun to include three different versions of the same ballad, "Lord Randal" (Child ballad #12). I love hearing how different the songs can be and still be obviously the same story.*

Where did you stay last night, O Randal, my son?  
Where did you stay last night, my sweet darling one?  
I stayed with my sweetheart. Mother make my bed soon,  
For I'm sick to the heart, and I want to lie down.

What did you eat for your supper, O Randal, my son?  
What did you eat for your supper, my sweet darling one?  
It was eels and eel's broth. Mother make my bed soon,  
For I'm sick to the heart, and I want to lie down.

What color was it, O Randal, my son?  
What color was it, my sweet darling one?  
It was brown and speckled. Mother make my bed soon,  
For I'm sick to the heart, and I want to lie down.

What will you will to your father, O Randal, my son?  
What will you will to your father, my sweet darling one?  
My mules and my wagon. Mother make my bed soon,  
For I'm sick to the heart, and I want to lie down.

What will you will to your mother, O Randal, my son?  
What will you will to your mother, my sweet darling one?  
My trunk and my clothing. Mother make my bed soon,  
For I'm sick to the heart, and I want to lie down.

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