

GREEN & YELLOW (traditional)

This is the third version of Lord Randal (Child Ballad #12) on this recording. I learned it when I was young.

Where did you go today, Henry, my son?
Where did you go today, my pretty one?
To the woods, Mother. To the woods, Mother.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.

What were you doing there, Henry, my son?
What were you doing there, my pretty one?
Eating, Mother. Eating, Mother.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.

What were you eating, then, Henry, my son?
What were you eating, then, my pretty one?
Eels, Mother. Eels, Mother.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.

What color were those eels, Henry, my son?
What color were those eels, my pretty one?
Green and yellor. Green and yellor.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.

Those eels were snakes, I fear, Henry, my son.
Those eels were snakes, I fear, my pretty one.
Eeewww, Mother. Eeewww, Mother.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.

What color flowers do you want, Henry, my son?
What color flowers do you want, my pretty one?
Green and yellor. Green and yellor.
O Mother dear, I'm so very sick; I think I'm gonna lay down & die.