

## Down by the Salley Gardens

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Set by *Samuel Hans Adler* (1928-) [Am], *But I was young and foolish*, from *Three Songs*, #1; *Allan Blank* (1925-) [Am]; *Benjamin Britten* (1913-1976) [Br], *The Salley Gardens*; *Rebecca Clarke* (1886-1979) [Br]; *Gerald Finzi* (1901-1956) [Br], *The Salley Gardens*; *Ivor (Bertie) Gurney* (1890-1937) [Br], from *A First Volume of Ten Songs*, #4; *Herbert Hughes* (1882-1937) [Irish]; *John Ireland* (1879-1962) [Irish], *The Salley Gardens*, from *Songs Sacred and Profane*, #4; *Irena Regina Poldowski, née Wieniawski* (1880-1932) [Bel / Br]; *Martin Edward Fallas Shaw* (1875-1958) [Br], *Down by the Salley Gardens*

**Down by the salley Gardens**  
[da:ʊn ba:ɪ ðʌ 'sæ.li 'gɑː.dənz]

**my love and I did meet;**  
[ma:ɪ lʌv ænd a:ɪ dɪd mit]

She passed the Salley Gardens with little snow-white feet.  
She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;  
But I, being young and foolish, with her [did]2 not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand,  
And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.  
She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs;  
But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

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