

I Got Me Flowers

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I **got** **me** **flowers** **to** **strew** **thy** **way;**
[a:ɪ gat mi 'fla:ʊ.ɛz tu stɹu ða:ɪ we:ɪ]

I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

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