

BETSY BELLE & MARY GRAY (C.201) (UNDER THE LEAVES 2006)

Betsy Bell and Mary Gray
They were bonny lasses
Built a bower down yon beck side
And covered it o'er wi' rushes

Betsy kept the garden gate
Mary kept the pantry
Betsy allus had to wait
While Mary she had plenty

Mary's hair was bright as gold
Betsy's like the raven
Two bonnier lasses you'd ne'er behold
From Richmond o'er to Craven

They would not have them shoes of red
Nor yet of yellow leather
But they would have them shoes of green
To ride thro' the streets together

Betsy Bell and Mary Gray
They were bonny lasses
Built a bower down yon becksie
And covered it o'er wi' rushes

They covered it o'er wi' rushes green
They covered it o'er wi' heather
The plague came there and struck them down
And buried them both together

We covered them o'er wi' rushes green
We covered them o'er wi' heather
We covered them o'e with earth so dark
We buried them close together.