

UNDER THE LEAVES

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Under the leaves two babies lie
No human ear may hear them cry
Only the rain and the cold winds sigh
Under the leaves so green

Chorus Under the violet, under the rose
Under the briar where the sweet stream flows
Far from the town and the keeper's eye
Down where the red deer goes.

What cruel mother left you to moan?
Did she possess a heart of stone?
No, she was one who died alone
Under the leaves so green

She's gone for the sake of a good man's name
Gone for no man would her honour claim
She's gone for blame and she's gone for shame
Under the leaves so green

And left no cloth for to wrap you neat?
No linen nor silk for to warm your feet?
They've gone for a poor girl's winding sheet
Under the leaves so green

Under the leaves lies a cold grey stone
Where we may keep her penknife honed
Soon we shall fetch our father home
Under the leaves so green.