

Searching for Young Lambs

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1. As Johnny was walking one midsummer's morn,
Oh! there he did hide himself all underneath a thorn,
A beautiful damsel by chance to pass him by,
And there he did cast her in his long and wishing eye,
 In his long and wishing eye, in his long and wishing eye,
 Oh! there he did cast her in his long and wishing eye.

2. She traced the valleys over, no lamb could she find,
Her Johnny, dear Johnny, so often in her mind.
She turned herself quite curiously, and smiling with a blush,
And there she saw her Johnny all hiding in a bush.
 All hiding in a bush, all hiding in a bush,
 Oh! There she saw her Johnny, all hiding in a bush.

3. Oh! then the words of love did begin to overflow,
He tooked her down those meadows, down the meadows down below,
And whilst his arms was round her, her charms to impose,
Then the lambs played all around them all in the morning dew,
 All in the morning dew, all in the morning dew,
 Oh! The lambs played all around them all in the morning dew.

4. So now to conclude and to finish my song,
This being the happiest couple and the highest of the folk,
So now they are got married happy in wedlock's bands,
No more to go a-roving in searching for young lambs,
 In searching for young lambs, in searching for young lambs,
 No more to go a-roving, in searching for young lambs.