

The Maid Freed From the Gallows (Child 95A)

- 1 'O GOOD Lord Judge, and sweet Lord Judge,
Peace for a little while!
Methinks I see my own father,
Come riding by the stile.
- 2 'Oh father, oh father, a little of your gold, 5
And likewise of your fee!
To keep my body from yonder grave,
And my neck from the gallows-tree.'
- 3 'None of my gold now you shall have,
Nor likewise of my fee; 10
For I am come to see you hangd,
And hanged you shall be.'
- 4 'Oh good Lord Judge, and sweet Lord Judge,
Peace for a little while!
Methinks I see my own mother, 15
Come riding by the stile.
- 5 'Oh mother, oh mother, a little of your gold,
And likewise of your fee,
To keep my body from yonder grave,
And my neck from the gallows-tree!' 20
- 6 'None of my gold now shall you have,
Nor likewise of my fee;
For I am come to see you hangd,
And hanged you shall be.'
- 7 'Oh good Lord Judge, and sweet Lord Judge, 25
Peace for a little while!
Methinks I see my own brother,
Come riding by the stile.

- 8 'Oh brother, oh brother, a little of your gold,
And likewise of your fee, 30
To keep my body from yonder grave,
And my neck from the gallows-tree!
- 9 'None of my gold now shall you have,
Nor likewise of my fee;
For I am come to see you hangd, 35
And hanged you shall be.'
- 10 'Oh good Lord Judge, and sweet Lord Judge,
Peace for a little while!
Methinks I see my own sister,
Come riding by the stile. 40
- 11 'Oh sister, oh sister, a little of your gold,
And likewise of your fee,
To keep my body from yonder grave,
And my neck from the gallows-tree!
- 12 'None of my gold now shall you have, 45
Nor likewise of my fee;
For I am come to see you hangd,
And hanged you shall be.'
- 13 'Oh good Lord Judge, and sweet Lord Judge,
Peace for a little while! 50
Methinks I see my own true-love,
Come riding by the stile.
- 14 'Oh true-love, oh true-love, a little of your gold,
And likewise of your fee,
To save my body from yonder grave, 55
And my neck from the gallows-tree.'
- 15 'Some of my gold now you shall have,
And likewise of my fee,
For I am come to see you saved,
And saved you shall be.' 60