

Down in the Valley

Also known as "Birmingham Jail", is a traditional American folk song. It is a ballad played in the 3/4 time signature. Lyrics vary, as with most folk songs. For example, sometimes the line "Hang your head over, hear the wind blow" is replaced by "Late in the evening, hear the train blow". In 1927, Darby and Tarlton sang "down in the levee" in place of "down in the valley".

C G7
Down in the valley, the valley so low,
C
Hang your head over, hear the winds blow.
G7
Hear the winds blow, dear, hear the winds blow.
C
Hang your head over, hear the winds blow.

Roses love sunshine, violets love dew,
Angels in heaven know I love you,
Know I love you, dear, know I love you,
Angels in heaven know I love you.

If you don't love me, love whom you please,
Throw your arms round me, give my heart ease.
Give my heart ease, dear, give my heart ease,
Throw your arms round me, give my heart ease.

Build me a castle forty feet high,
So I can see him as he rides by,
As he rides by, dear, as he rides by,
So I can see him as he rides by.

Write me a letter send it by mail
Send it in care of Birmingham Jail
Birmingham Jail dear Birmingham Jail
Send it in care of Birmingham Jail

Writing this letter, containing three lines,
Answer my question, "Will you be mine?"
"Will you be mine, dear, will you be mine,"
Answer my question, "Will you be mine?"

