

Barbara Allen

capo 2

G D G
In Scarlet town where I was born
 Em D
There was a fair maid dwellin'
 C G Em
Made every youth cry well a day
 G D G
Her name was Barbara Allen.

G D G
'Twas in the merry month of May
 Em D
When green buds all were swellin'
 C G Em
Sweet William on his deathbed lay
 G D G
For love of Barbara Allen.

G D G
He sent his servant to the town
 Em D
The place where she was dwellin'
 C G Em
Sayin' master dear has sent me here
 G D G
If your name be Barbara Allen."

G D G
Then slowly, slowly she got up
 Em D
And slowly she drew nigh him
 C G Em
And all she said when she passed his bed
 G D G
Young man, I think you're dyin'

G D G
Oh I am sick, so very sick
 Em D
With love my head is achin'
 C G Em
One kiss from you will cure me well
 G D G
You'll keep my heart from breakin'

G D G
Do you remember that night, she said,
 Em D
When we were in the tavern
 C G Em
You drank a toast to the ladies there
 G D G
And slighted Barbara Allen

G D G
He turned his face unto the wall
 Em D
And bursted out a-cryin'
 C G Em
Adieu adieu to my friends all
 G D G
Be kind to Barbara Allen.

(Instrumental)

G D G
As she was wandering o'er the fields
Em D
She heard the death bell knellin'
C G Em
And every note it seemed to say
G D G
Hard-hearted Barbara Allen

G D G
Father O father, go dig my grave
Em D
Make it both long and narrow
C G Em
Sweet William died of love for me
G D G
And I shall die of sorrow

G D G
They buried her in the old church yard
Em D
Sweet William buried by her
C G Em
And from his heart grew a red red rose
G D G
From Barbara's a green briar

G D G
They grew and grew in the old church yard
Em D
Till they could grow no higher
C G Em
And there they tied in a true lover's knot
G D G
The red rose and the briar.