

Why There's a Tear in My Eye

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I once loved a beautiful maiden
As fair as the blue skies above
And each night as we wondered together
The moon seemed to smile on our love

We vowed to be true to each other
That nothing could cause us to part
But we never once dreamed that the future
Held only a broken heart

Then there came the night when we parted
We quarreled as all sweethearts do
And I learned what it as to be jealous
When they told me her love was untrue

She told me that she'd always be faithful
She swore that her love wouldn't die
And then when I did not believe her
She kissed me and told me good bye

I found I had falsely accused her
AAnd went back to make her my bride
And there in the door stood her mother
She told me my sweetheart had died

I went in and knelt down beside her
And there in the midst of that room
I prayed that my maker would take me
And send my soul down to it's doom

So now I have told you the reason
There's always a tear in my eye
Through long weary years I've repented
But I'm longing to lay down and die

And I wonder if I'll be forgiven
When I praise the master some day
And I wonder if I'll see my sweetheart
On that wonderful shore far away