

# Standing Stones

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In one of these lonely Orkney Isles  
There dwelled a maiden fair,  
Her cheeks were red, her eyes were blue  
She has yellow curling hair.

Which caught the eye and then the heart  
Of one who could never be  
A lover of so true a maid  
Or fair a form as she.

Across the lake in Sandwick  
Dwelled a youth she held most true,  
And ever since her infancy  
He had watched those eyes so blue.

The land runs out into the sea -  
It's a narrow neck of land -  
Where weird and grim the Standing Stones  
In a circle where they stand.

One bonny moonlight Christmas Eve  
They met at that sad place.  
With her heart in glee and the beams of love  
Were shining on her face.  
When her lover came he grasped her hand  
And what loving words they said.  
They talked of future's happy days,  
As through the stones they strayed.

They walked towards the lover's stone  
And through it passed their hands,  
They plighted there a constant troth  
Sealed by love's steadfast bands.  
He kissed his maid and then he watched her  
That lonely bridge go o'er,  
Fo little, little did he think  
He wouldn't see his darling more.

Standing Stones of the Orkney Isles  
Gazing out to sea  
Standing Stones of the Orkeny Isles  
Bring my love to me.

He turned his face toward his home  
That home he did never see.  
And you shall have the story as it was told to me.  
When a form upon him sprang  
With a daggar gleaming bright.  
It pierced his heart and his dying screams  
Disturbed the silent night.

The maid had nearly reached her home  
When she was startled by a cry.  
And she turned to look around her  
and her love was standing by,  
His hand was pointing to the stars  
And his eyes glazed at the light,

And with a smiling countenance  
He vanished from her sight.

She quickly turned around and home she ran  
Not a word of this was said,  
For well she knew at seeing his form  
That her faithful was dead.  
And from that day she pined away,  
Not a smile in her face.  
And with outstretched arms she went to meet him  
In a brighter place.