Was there ever a winter so cold and so sad The river too weary to flood Storm and the wind cut through to my skin;

She cut through to my blood

I wasn't looking for trouble to tangle my line Trouble came looking for me I knew I was standing on treacherous ground Was sinking too fast to run free

With her scheming, idle ways
She left me poor enough
Storm and the wind cut through to my skin;
She cut through to my blood

I would not be asking, I would not be seen Begging on a mountain or a hill But I'm ready and blind with my hands tied behind I've neither a mind nor a will

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It's bitter the need of the poor ditching boy Always believe what they say They tell him it's hard to be honest and true Does he mind if he doesn't get paid?

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