

Rose of the Genesee

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When I was young and bound to ramble
I left my home and traveled free
Until I found my piece of heaven
Down by the banks of the Genesee

There in that green and peaceful valley
I made my home where the water flows
And there I met the sweetest flower
I lost my heart to my darlin' Rose

*I found my love down by the river
Where the water flows so peacefully
She won my heart - it's hers forever
My darlin' Rose of the Genesee*

She was a fair and tender beauty
The sweetest smile you'll ever see
And hair as red as the autumn maple
That grow so wild by the Genesee

We talked of love and courted truly
Through the summer sun and the winter snows
And in the spring by the river chapel
I pledged my love to my darlin' Rose

Chorus

Life goes by just like the river
How swift it flows to memory
It was too soon the angels called her
To her final home beyond the Genesee

And on that day my life is over
I shall not fear where the spirit goes
I know I'll find my peace in heaven
When they lay me down by my darlin' Rose

Chorus

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