

## O But I'm Weary

*Greig-Duncan 1332*

Maggie learned this from the singing of Lottie Buchan of Peterhead, recorded by Peter Hall in the 1960s. It's a common tale of a girl, afraid of being 'left on the shelf', asking her mother's help in finding her ideal man.

*O but I'm weary weary waitin  
O but I'm weary nicht and day  
O mither gae me a man  
Tae taak this weary life away*

O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living by the ploo  
O no mither she says  
The smell o muck wid gar me spew  
O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living by the mill  
O no mither she says  
The smell o dust wid maak me ill

O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living building stones  
O no mither she says  
He may fall tae the earth and brak his bones  
O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living by the gun  
O no mither she says  
He might gae oot and ne'er come in

O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living by the sea  
O no mither she says  
The ship might sink and ruin me  
O daughter dear wid ye marry a man  
That maaks his living by the pen  
O yes mither she says  
My heart delights in gentlemen

ploo = plough  
mither = mother  
maaks = makes  
muck = dung  
wid = would  
gar me spew = make me sick  
brak = break