

# Eliza Carthy, Sheath And Knife

It's whispered in parlour it's whispered in hall  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
Lady Anne's with child among the ladies all  
And she dare not go down to the broom no more

One king's daughter said to another  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
We'll go ride like sister and brother  
And we'll never go down to the broom no more

We'll go ride in yonder valley  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
Where the green green trees are budding so rarely  
And we'll never go down to the broom no more

With hawk and hound we'll hunt so rarely  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
And we'll come back all in the morning early  
And we'll never go down to the broom no more

So they rode out like sister and brother  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
And they hunted and hawked in the valley together  
And they'll never go down to the broom no more

'Lady hold my horse and my hawk  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
For I cannot ride and I dare not walk'  
And we'll never go down to the broom no more

'But set me down by the root o' this tree  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
For there have I dreamt that my last bed shall be'  
And we'll never go down to the broom no more

The one king's daughter did lift down the other  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
She was light in her arms like any feather  
And she'll never go down to the broom no more

Bonnie Lady Anne sat down by the tree  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
And there a grave was made where none should be  
And she'll never go down to the broom no more

The hawk had no lure the horse had no master  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
And the faithless hounds through the woods they ran faster  
And they'll never go down to the broom no more

Oh when that you hear my loud loud cry  
Oh the broom blooms bonny the broom blooms fair  
Then bend your bow and let your arrow fly  
Cause we'll never go down to the broom no more