

Heather Dale, Adrift

" Lover, dear lover, I've had a fell dream,
My mother's adrift on the sea!
My brothers have left her alone in the gale -
There's no one to save her but me."

" Oisn, Oisn, lay down your fair head
I've given you gold and I've given my bed,
And your mother lies sleeping; she's well and she's hale."

" Lover, dear lover, she's crying my name,
My mother's adrift on the sea!
There's none to protect her, no oar and no sail -
There's no one to save her but me."

" Oisn, Oisn, another will come
I've given you riches, I'll give you a son
And your mother is singing; she's well and she's hale."

" Lover, dear lover, there are tears on her gown,
My mother's adrift on the sea!
Her sons have all left her, I cannot now fail -
There's no one to save her but me."

" Oisn, Oisn, you've seen an untruth
I've given you kingship, I've given you youth
And your mother has comfort; she's well and she's hale."