

Tom Waits, But He's Not Wilhelm

I am growing old
who she loves is not the answer.
Don't try to change my mind
she will marry who I want her to.

Can't you see she's not a child
she's a woman after all.
You cannot change what's in her heart
when she loves Wilhelm.

I will protect you, my love
with a sword of ice brook temper.
I will bring you the moon
and I always will be true.

I would go anywhere with you
but my father won't approve.
For you see, you're not a huntsman
my dear Wilhelm.

There is more to life
than to fill your heart with dreams.
You don't build your house
from the willow by the stream.

But what is life without the willow
she must listen to her heart.
When her head is on her pillow
she loves Wilhelm.

Open up your heart
please remember we were young once
and we felt like they do.
Have you forgotten all you know.

I have chosen someone for her
and I know his aim is true
and she will grow to love him.

But he's not Wilhelm!