

Cupid's Garden

G D7 G

1. 'Twas down in Cup - id's gar - - den I ___ wand - ered for to
 2. I had not been in the gar - - den but ___ scarce - ly half an
 3. 'm not en - gaged to any young man", one ___ so - lemn - ly de -
 4. Then hand in hand to - geth - - er we ___ to the par - son
 5. It's down in Ports - mouth Har - - bor, there's a ship lies wait - ing
 6. So now my ship's re - turned a - gain, I'm ___ land - ed safe on

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view the sweet and ___ love - ly flow - - ers that ___
 hour, when I be - - held two pret - ty girls, sat ___
 - clared; "But if you'll ___ have this read - y heart, I'll ___
 went, Up - - on her ___ hand a wed - ding band, a ___
 there; To - - mor - row ___ to the seas I'll go, let the
 shore, O bless me ___ now and for ev - - - er if I

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in the gar - den grew ___ And ___ one it was sweet
 un - der a shad - y bow - er, I ___ bold - ly stepped up
 put it in your care." ___ So I asked if she would
 sign of my in - - tent, ___ 'Then ___ fare - well, love - ly
 wind blow high or fair. ___ And, if I should live to re -
 go to sea any more, ___ So ___ come, my love - ly

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jas - - min the ___ li - - ly pink and rose _____ They
 to _____ them and ___ un - to them did say, _____ "Are
 slight me while I ___ to the sea must go, _____ Oh
 Nan - - cy, since ___ I to sea must go, _____ And
 - turn a - gain, how ___ hap - py we should be, _____ With
 Nan - - cy, how ___ hap - py we can be, _____ With

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are the fin - - est flow - - - ers That _____
 you en - gaged to any young man, come _____
 no, my dear, please have no fear, For I
 when I do re - - turn a - - gain, How _____
 you, my love, my own true love, Sit - ting
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in the gar - - den grow, that in the gar - den ___ grow
 tell to me, ___ I pray, come tell to me, I ___ pray? Garden
 like a sail - - or so, I like a sail - or ___ so.
 hap - py we ___ will be, how hap - py we will ___ be.
 smil - ing on ___ my knee, sitting smil - ing on my ___ knee.
 smil - ing on ___ my knee, sitting smil - ing on my ___ knee.

In the 1680s, Abraham Cuper opened a tea garden or pleasure garden on ten acres of land on the south side of the River Thames in London. He named it Cuper's Garden. Among the attractions at the site over the years were an orchestra and firework displays.

Because Cuper's Garden was a good place for young people to have romantic encounters, the place also came to be called Cupid's Garden. In 1753, seventy years after it was started it lost its license due to the loose morals of its visitors.

The New England Book of Carols, p.58. _____ Old English Ditties, p.234