1. Oh Katy dear go ask your mother,
   If you can be a bride of mine,
   If she says yes come back and tell me,
   If she says no, we'll run away.

2. Oh Willie dear there's no use in asking,
   She's in her room a takin’ rest,
   And by her side there's a silver dagger,
   To slay the one that I love best.

3. Oh Katy dear go ask your father,
   If you can be a bride of mine,
   If he says yes come back and tell me,
   If he says no, we'll run away.

4. Oh Willie dear, there's no in use asking,
   He’s in his room a takin’ rest,
   And by his side there's a golden dagger,
   To slay the one that I love best.

5. So he picked up that golden dagger,
   And stove it through his troubled heart,
   Saying goodbye Katie, goodbye darlin',
   At last the time has come to part.

6. So she picked up that bloody dagger,
   And stove it through her lily-white breast,
   Saying goodbye papa, goodbye mama,
   I'll die with the one that I love best.