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À La Claire Fontaine

End each verse with the refrain
*Many long years have I loved you,
Ever in my heart you'll stay.*

- By the clear running fountain
I strayed one summer day.
The water looked so cooling
I bathed without delay.
- Beneath an oak tree shady
I dried myself that day,
When from the topmost branch
A bird's song came my way.
- Sing, nightingale, keep singing,
Your heart is always gay.
You have no cares to grieve you,
While I could weep today.
- You have no cares to grieve you,
While I could weep today,
For I have lost my loved one
In such a senseless way.
- She wanted some red roses
But I did rudely say
She could not have the roses
That I had picked that day.
- Now I wish those red roses
Were on their bush today,
While I and my beloved
Still went our sweet old way.