

William Blake (1757-1827)

8 *William Bond*

I wonder whether the girls are mad,  
And I wonder whether they mean to kill,  
And I wonder if William Bond will die,  
For assuredly he is very ill.

He went to church in a May morning, 5  
Attended by Fairies, one, two, and three;  
But the Angels of Providence drove them away,  
And he return'd home in misery.

He went not out to the field nor fold, 10  
He went not out to the village nor town,  
But he came home in a black, black cloud,  
And took to his bed, and there lay down.

And an Angel of Providence at his feet,  
And an Angel of Providence at his head,  
And in the midst a black, black cloud, 15  
And in the midst the sick man on his bed.

And on his right hand was Mary Green,  
And on his left hand was his sister Jane,  
And their tears fell thro' the black, black cloud  
To drive away the sick man's pain. 20

'O William, if thou dost another love,  
Dost another love better than poor Mary,  
Go and take that other to be thy wife,  
And Mary Green shall her servant be.'

'Yes, Mary, I do another love, 25  
Another I love far better than thee,

