

| <p style="text-align: center;">Down By the Salley Gardens</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William Butler Yeats</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">THE BALLAD OF ADAM HENRY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(in Ian McEwan, <u>The Children Act</u>)</p> |
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| <p>Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet; She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.</p> <p>She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree; But I, being young and foolish, with her would not agree.</p> <p>In a field by the river my love and I did stand, And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand.</p> <p>She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs; But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.</p> | <p>I took my wooden cross and dragged it by the stream. I was young and foolish and troubled by a dream That penitence was folly and burdens were for fools. But I'd been told on Sundays to live life by the rules.</p> <p>The splinters¹ cut my shoulder, that cross was heavy as lead, My life was narrow and godly and I was almost dead, The stream was merry and dancing and sunlight danced around, But I must keep on walking, with eyes fixed on the ground.</p> <p>Then a fish rose out of the water with rainbows on its scales². Pearls of water were dancing and hung in silvery trails. "Throw your cross in the water if you're wanting to be free!" So I drowned my load in the river in the shade of the Judas tree.</p> <p>I knelt by the banks of that river in a wondrous state of bliss While she leaned upon my shoulder and gave the sweetest kiss. But she dived to the icy bottom where she never will be found, And I was full of tears until I heard the trumpets sound.</p> <p>And Jesus stood on the water and this he said to me, "That fish was the voice of Satan, and you must pay the fee. Her kiss was the kiss of Judas, her kiss betrayed my name. May he</p> |

¹ Splinter = small, thin, sharp piece of wood, bone, etc., split off from the main body: *He used a needle to remove the splinter from his finger.*

² Scale =] any thin, flat piece that peels off from a surface, such as the skin.