

## Lizie Wan (Child 51A)

1 LIZIE WAN sits at her father's bower-door,  
Weeping and making a mane,  
And by there came her father dear:  
‘What ails thee, Lizie Wan?’

2 ‘I ail, and I ail, dear father,’ she said, 5  
‘And I ’ll tell you a reason for why;  
There is a child between my twa sides,  
Between my dear billy and I.’

3 Now Lizie Wan sits at her father's bower-door,  
Sighing and making a mane, 10  
And by there came her brother dear:  
‘What ails thee, Lizie Wan?’

4 ‘I ail, I ail, dear brither,’ she said,  
‘And I ’ll tell you a reason for why;  
There is a child bewteen my twa sides, 15  
Between you, dear billy, and I.’

5 ‘And hast thou tald father and mother o that?  
And hast thou tald sae o me?’  
And he has drawn his gude braid sword,  
That hung down by his knee. 20

6 And he has cutted aff Lizie Wan's head,  
And her fair body in three,  
And he 's awa to his mothers bower,  
And sair aghast was he.

7 ‘What ails thee, what ails thee, Geordy Wan? 25  
What ails thee sae fast to rin?  
For I see by thy ill colour  
Some fallow's deed thou hast done.’

8 ‘Some fallow's deed I have done, mother,

And I pray you pardon me;  
For I 've cutted aff my greyhound's head;  
He wadna rin for me.'

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9 'Thy greyhound's bluid was never sae red,  
O my son Geordy Wan!  
For I see by thy ill colour  
Some fallow's deed thou hast done.'

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10 'Some fallow's deed I hae done, mother,  
And I pray you pardon me;  
For I hae cutted aff Lizie Wan's head  
And her fair body in three.'

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11 'O what wilt thou do when thy father comes hame,  
O my son Geordy Wan?  
I 'll set my foot in a bottomless boat,  
And swim to the sea-ground.'

12 'And when will thou come hame again,  
O my son Geordy Wan?  
'The sun and the moon shall dance on the green  
That night when I come hame.'

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