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My wife, she died in the bathtub, she died of a terrible fit,
To fulfill her very last wishes, she was buried in six feet of...

chorus:
Sweet violets, sweeter than all the roses,
Covered all over from head to foot, covered all over with snow.

My wife puts a sack in the garden, I'm curious I will admit,
One morning I sneaked out a handful, I found it was nothing but...

There was a young fellow from Sparta, who could flatulate ballads and airs,
He could blow out a Mozart sonata, and accompany musical chairs;
One day he attempted an opera - it was hard, but he just wouldn't quit -
With his head held aloft, he suddenly coughed - he collapsed in a mountain of...

I know that these verses are scanty, the rhyme seems too much for my wit,
I start out like Shakespeare and Dante, but somehow I end up with...

And now that my story is ended, and I must make my exit,
If any of you feel offended, stick your head in a barrel of...

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Note: I transcribed this from Oscar Brand's album _Bawdy Song and Backroom Ballads Volume 4_, on the Audio Fidelity label. Last time I checked (about 3 years ago) some of the volumes in this collection (including Volume 4) were still available; I ordered mine through Musicland, and paid $4 for it. New. There's no copyright date on the album, but I believe it was released in the late 50's or early 60's.

A similar song exists called "Shaving Cream", which replaces the chorus with "Shaving cream, be nice and clean, shave every day and you'll always look keen".

I believe the song was on an album by the name of Looney Tunes, but I'm not sure; my copy has long since wandered off... (alas, the only copy of My Boomarang Won't Come Back which I've ever heard... anyone

have the lyrics for *that*? JY

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