Kate's Secret - song lyrics

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KATE'S SECRET.

The sunlight is beautiful, mother,
And sweetly the flowers bloom to-day,
And birds in the branches of hawthorn
Are carrolling ever so gay;
And down by the rock in the meadow,
The rill ripples by with a song;
And, mother, I, too, have been singing
The merriest all the day long.

Last night I was weeping, dear mother,
Last night I was weeping alone;
. The world was so dark and so dreary,
My heart it grew heavy as stone;
I thought of the lonely and loveless,
All lonely and loveless was I;
I scarcely could tell why it was, mother,
But, oh, I was wishing to die.

Last night I was weeping, dear mother,
But Willie came down by the gate,
And whispered, "Come out in the moonlight,
I've something to say to you, Kate."
Oh. mother, to him I am dearer
Than all in the wide world beside,
He told me so- out in the moonlight,
And called me his darling, his bride.

So now I will gather my roses,
And twine in my long braided hair;
Then Willie will come in the evening,
And smile when he sees me so fair;
And out in the moonlight we'll wander,
'Way down by the old hawthorn tree-
Oh, mother, I wonder if any
Were ever so happy as we.