

Who's That Knocking at My Window?

Carter Family



1. Who's that knocking at my window,
Knocks so loud and won't come in
It is your own true-hearted lover,
Oh, rise you up, and let him in.
2. Go 'way, go 'way, don't wake my mother,
For love's a thing she can't endure
She's been the ruin of many a lover,
She'll be the ruin of many more.
3. I've come to whisper in your ear, love,
Do you think it any harm?
I've come to win you of your mother,
Pray trust yourself in your darling's arms.
4. Go way, go way, don't wake my father,
For he is on his bed of rest
And on his breast he carries a weapon,
To kill the one that I love best.
5. I wish I was some little sparrow,
I'd circle like a turtle dove,
I'd fly away to a lonely valley,
And settle down in the land of love.

"Who's That Knocking at My Window" is one of the "Silver Dagger" family of songs. The last verse of the Carter Family version is from "Fair and Tender Ladies". It was recorded by the Carter Family in New York on June 6, 1938.