

## Jimmy Greene

in the summer I keep bees  
in the winter I chop wood  
in the spring I plant the seed which  
in the fall I pick for food  
and I store it in the cellar  
put the honey in a jar  
do I dare put on my traveling shoes  
which take me oh so far away?

but I always am returning  
to the river and the field  
as they wind together to the sea  
past frenzy of the wheel  
and I wonder if that seed will flourish  
once again this year which  
you planted there within my heart  
to banish all the fear away

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'round your doorway in the night  
I have come to stay for another day  
just to see your eye shine bright*

he's been a friend of mine for a long long time  
and he loved a woman so  
with the autumn winds she passed away  
how he sighed to see her go  
in the summer he'll go fishing  
in the spring he'll plant a rose  
in the autumn walk and talk with her  
what the winter only knows he'll say

“you have loved me, I have loved you  
and our cottage by the shore  
in my dream's become an ancient ship  
and you have handed me the oars  
I shall brave the winds of sorrow  
ride the tide of life's vast sea  
and the vibrant joy and love you gave  
are the ballast, keel, and wheel to me”

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*Paul Laurent Lauzon*