

Lady of Autumn

(Words and Tune by Dave Webber 1983)

Rather mysteriously, Dave steadfastly refuses to tell anyone what this sad love song means. To each it has it's own meaning.

Oak and Ash and Thorn

(Words Rudyard Kipling (Tree Song 1906) Tune Peter Bellamy)

One of Peter's many excellent liaisons with the work of Kipling. This one was the title track of one of his albums. We are grateful for his kind permission to include it here.

Blackbird

(Words and Tune Dave Webber 1986)

A love song with a sentiment at the end that strikes a chord in most singers.

Sweet Thyme

(Words and Tune Pete Mundy)

Charley sang this song with Ian Woods for several years before we started doing it. We all felt it would be a shame not to continue to sing such a fine song.

Dropping Time

(Words and Tune Dave Webber 1985)

"Dropping Time" was the old farm horseman's term for dusk. This song touches on the lives of the horseman and his team, living to work and working to live.

Westlin Winds

(Words Robert Burns 1759 - 1796)

The Correct (if ungainly) title for this poem by Burns is "Composed in August" We have been unable to establish the composer of the tune for this setting. If it has a recent author, we apologise for this omission.

Watch and Chain

(Words and Tune Dave Webber 1985)

This song was sparked off by reading Siegfried Sassoon's "Memoirs of a Foxhunting Man". In 1914 thousands of young men enlisted with pride in H.M. Forces totally unaware of the horrors that lay ahead. Many never returned.

Blessed Quietness

This is from the singing of Lucy Simpson and recorded on her album Sharon Mountain Harmony with the group of the same name.

Flanders

Words and Tune Trad excepting verses 2 and 3 written by Billy Ross of Ossian who recorded it on their album "Dove Across the Water". The original part of this song dates from the Duke of Marlborough's 1708 campaign in Flanders.

Our Jack

(Words and Tune Trad)

An earlier unparodied version of this song has been found in Sussex where its content was about Jack coming home from sea. This version is from Australia and relates to Jack coming home from jail. It has now been brought full circle home to Sussex by Martyn Wyndham Read.

May Song

(Words and Tune Dave Webber)

Inspired by May Day in Padstow. A time and place special to all of us. This song has been taken up by several local singers and can be heard in a number of places around Padstow over the May Day holiday, this pleases Dave no end.

Rolling Home

(Words and Tune John Tams)

We first heard this song performed by Roy Bailey and it is now a popular song for singing. We could not resist doing a 'four part' job on it ourselves.

Parting Song

(Words and Tune Dave Webber)

Included here in order to present the complete recorded works of Beggars Velvet. This is actually the last time Beggars Velvet ever sang together. The song was written in 1993 to mark the passing of our great friend John Purdy of Torquay.

