



WHY WILLOW WEEPS

**The willow weeps his tears of pain
He stands once more alone again
The wind that beats across his boughs
Reminding him of broken vows**

**The promise of a future bright
Is veiled, and hidden now from sight
The love that was, is now no more
His branches flail, and sweep the floor**

**The spring brought hope when lovers met
Beneath his shade, fragile and yet
As Summer closed the love seemed safe
Secure and calm, in peace with grace**

**The willow felt such love and pride
To have this couple by his side
The lovers gave him reason for
The lonely life he'd lived before**

**In Autumn, frequency slowed down
And smiles sometimes replaced by frowns
How can young love so fresh and new
Withdraw so quickly now from view?**

**The final visit crushed his heart
He did not want the pair to part
He'd given shelter, beauty, shade
From Spring's first glimpse to Summer's fade**

**These lovers had absorbed his strength
They'd laughed and kissed and talked at length
Absorbed his energy and love
From deep strong roots to limbs above**

**Did they not think when Winter came
Their love, extinguished like a flame
To withdraw their love from each other
Would cause such distress to another?**

**The days once full, now cold and bleak
No whispered hugs, no one to speak
No hope of future talks and aims
Exchanging rings or changing names**

**The tree, so lonely, hung his head
Among the other living dead
He wails, he weeps his tears of pain
He stands once more alone again**