

SANDS OF DEE

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Mary, go and call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home
Across the sands of Dee";
And the western wind was wild and dank with foam,
And all alone went she.

The western tide crept up along the sand,
And o'er and o'er the sand,
And round and round the sand,
As far as eye could see.
And the rolling mist came down and hid the land:
And never home came she.

"Oh! is it weed, or fish, or floating hair--
A lock of golden hair,
A drownèd maiden's hair
Above the nets at sea?
Was never salmon yet that shone so fair
Among the stakes on Dee."

They rowed her in across the rolling foam,
The cruel crawling foam,
The cruel hungry foam,
To her grave beside the sea:
But still they hear her call the cattle home
Across the sands of Dee.