

English Country Garden

Traditional children's song

Men: How many kinds of sweet flowers grow
In an English country garden?

Women: I'll tell you now of some of them I know
And those I miss I'm sure you'll pardon

All: Daffodils, hearts-ease and phlox,
Meadow sweet and lilies, stocks
Gen-tle lu-pins and tall hollyhocks
Roses, foxgloves, snowdrops, forget-me-nots
In an English country garden.

Men: How many insects find their little home
In an English country garden?

Women: I'll tell you now of some of them I know,
And those I miss I'm sure you'll pardon

All: Dragonflies and moths and bees
Spiders falling from the trees
Butterflies sway in the mild gentle breeze
There are hedgehogs that roam and little garden gnomes
In an English country garden.

Men: How many songbirds make — their — nest
In an English country garden?

Women: I'll tell you now of some of them I know
And those I miss I'm sure you'll pardon.

All: Bobolink cuckoo and quail, tanager and cardinal
Bluebirds, lark, finch — and the nightingale
We all smile in the spring when the birds all start to sing
In an English country garden.

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And those I miss I'm sure you'll pardon.

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