

Down in Yon Forest

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Traditional

Sung by Mr. Hall at Castleton, Derbyshire, 1908

1. Down in yon for - est there stands a hall,
The bells of Par - a - dise I heard them ring:
It's co - vered all o - ver with pur - ple and pall
But I love my Lord Je - sus a - bove a - ny - thing.

1. Down in yon forest there stands a hall.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
It's covered all over with purple so tall.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.
2. And in that hall there stands a bed.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
It's covered all over with scarlet so red.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.
3. At the bed side there stands a stone.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

4. Under that bed there runs a river [? flood].
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
The one half runs water, the other runs blood.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.
5. At the bed foot there grows a thorn.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
Which ever blows blossom since He was born.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.
6. Over the bed the moon shines bright.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring
Denoting our Saviour was born this night.
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.