When I was just a lad of ten, my father said to me "Come here and take a lesson from the lovely lemon tree" "Don't put your faith in love, my boy" my father said to me "I fear you'll find that love is like the lovely lemon tree"

Lemon tree, very pretty, and the lemon flower is sweet But the fruit of the poor lemon is impossible to eat Lemon tree, very pretty, and the lemon flower is sweet But the fruit of the poor lemon is impossible to eat

One day beneath the lemon tree, my love and I did lie A girl so sweet that when she smiled, the stars rose in the sky

We passed that summer lost in love, beneath the lemon tree

The music of her laughter hid my father's words from me

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One day she left without a word, she took away the sun And in the dark she left behind, I knew what she had done She left me for another, it's a common tale but true A sadder man, but wiser now, I sing these words to you

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