

WILDWOOD FLOWER (A.P. CARTER, 1928) *

C G7 C

I will twine and will mingle my raven black hair

C **G7** **C**
With the roses so red and the lilies so fair

C **F** **C**
And the myrtle so green of an emerald hue

C **G7** **C**
And the pale amanita and Islip so blue

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Oh he promised to love me, he promised to love

C **G7** **C**

And cherish me always all others above

C F C
I woke from my dream and my idol was clay

C **G7** **C**
My passion for loving had vanished away

C Oh he taught me to love him, **G7** he called me his **C** flower

C G7 C

A blossom to cheer him through life's weary hour

C **F** **C**
But now he has gone and left me alone

C **G7** **C**

The wild flowers to weep and the wild birds to moan

C **G7** **C**

I'll dance and I'll sing and my life will be gay

C G7 C

I'll banish this weeping, drive troubles away

C F C
I'll live yet to see him regret this dark hour

C **G7** **C**
When he won and neglected this frail wildwood flower.

* "This is a variant of the song "I'll Twine 'Mid the Ringlets",^[1] published in 1860 by composer Joseph Webster, with lyrics attributed to Maud Irving. (Wikipedia.org) Roud Index 757. Tune is same as The Reuben James