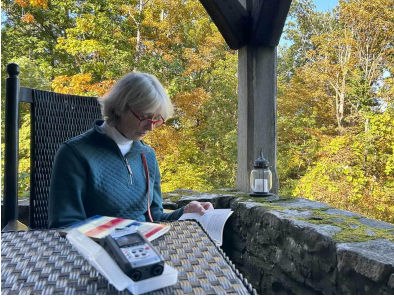


This month's song



February 2024: I Wonder When I Shall Be Married
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I recently collected a version of “I Wonder When I Shall Be Married” from famed writer Roxana Robinson, at her home in North Cornwall, Connecticut. While the song is primarily attributed to the Ritchie family of Viper, Kentucky, Roxana had learned it from her family in Pine Mountain, and sings it to a different tune.

The song is strangely neutral in tone: the lyrics speak of hope and anticipation, yet the overall tone of the song is melancholic and open-ended.

This song also has the distinction of being the seven hundredth song I have recorded for my [Fieldwork Archive](#)!

Hear Roxana Robinson sing “I Wonder When I Shall Be Married:”

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