

## **Cottage By The River**

Annie and Barney got married  
in the year of 1933,  
a cottage by the river said Barney  
Annie smiled just you and me.

Six years of happiness  
the garden grown she saw,  
1939  
Barney was called to war.

Two years had passed  
hundreds of letters written,  
Her Barney fighting abroad  
With him she was truly smitten.

The letters stopped one day  
Annie received a call,  
Barney had severe shell-shock  
he was not very well at all.

He was flown home to England  
Annie had survived the blitz,  
Barney wasn't the same man  
his mind was torn to bits.

Annie looked after him  
Barney was in a dither,  
Annie bought him a bench  
and placed it by the river.

Barney sat there fishing  
with his home made rod,  
he'd pull the fish out  
when the line bobbed.

One evening Annie went to see him  
he'd been down there most of the day,  
When Annie touched his shoulder  
She knew he'd passed away.

For ten more years  
Annie sat on that bench,  
thinking of Barney  
and when he built their fence.

Annie sat there all night  
and caught a chill,  
she was so cold  
and felt quite ill.

When she woke in the morning  
Barney was holding her close,  
to this day on that bench  
Sit two loving ghosts.

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