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By SIDDIE JOE JOHNSON

They have dressed her in rose;
They have brought the first blooms
Of the year to her feet.
As she lies in repose
In the shadowy rooms,
She is sweet—she is sweet.

They have chosen a day
From the year newly born;
They have carried her here;
They have laid her away
By the blossoming thorn
With a song and a tear.

They have pruned the young rose;
They have planted the shoot;
She is free—she is free!
In her earthy repose,
She is one with the root;
She is one with the tree.