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The Fate of Aino

Hastened early to the forest
Went to gather birchen tassels
As she left the birchen woodlands
The minstrel then addressed her

Wear not lovely maid for others
Golden cross upon your bosom
Shining pearls upon your shoulders
Wear only for me your golden bracelets

Not for you and not for others
Will I hang from my neck the crosslet
Deck my hair with silken ribbons
Tore the jewels from my finger

Mother said
Waste no more your young life
One year eat sweet butter make you strong and ruddy
Eat another year fresh bacon make you tall and queenly
Eat third year only dainties make you fair and lovely

Maid does not heed her mother's wishes
Hastens straightway to the mountain
Wanders over field and meadow
Reach the cold and dismal seashore

She beholds three water maidens
Hastens there to join the mermaids
Towards a rock of rainbow colors
Rest upon the rock of beauty

With a crash and roar of waters
Falls the stone of many colors
Falls the weeping maiden
To the bottom of the blue sea
To the bottom of the ocean