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From the Quinlan Road recording *The Visit*

## BONNY PORTMORE

*Words and music traditional  
arranged and adapted by Loreena McKennitt*

O bonny Portmore, you shine where you stand  
And the more I think on you the more I think long  
If I had you now as I had once before  
All the lords in Old England would not purchase Portmore.

O bonny Portmore, I am sorry to see  
Such a woeful destruction of your ornament tree  
For it stood on your shore for many's the long day  
Till the long boats from Antrim came to float it away.

O bonny Portmore, you shine where you stand  
And the more I think on you the more I think long  
If I had you now as I had once before

All the Lords in Old England would not purchase Portmore.

All the birds in the forest they bitterly weep  
Saying, "Where will we shelter or where will we sleep?"  
For the Oak and the Ash, they are all cutten down  
And the walls of bonny Portmore are all down to the ground.

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