

## THEY CALL THE WIND MARIAH – Lerner and Loewe

A way out here they have a name for rain and wind and fire.  
The rain is Tess, the fire's Joe, and they call the wind Mariah.  
Mariah blows the stars around and sends the clouds a-flyin.'  
Mariah makes the mountains sound like folks was out there dyin.'

CHORUS: Mariah, Mariah. They call the wind Mariah

Before I knew Mariah's name and heard her wail and whinin,'  
I had a gal and she had me, and the sun was always shinin.'  
And then one day I left my gal, I left her far behind me.  
And now I'm lost, so gull darn lost, not even God can find me.

CHORUS: Mariah, Mariah. They call the wind Mariah

Out here they have a name for rain and wind and fire only.  
But when you're lost and all alone, there ain't no name for lonely.  
I'm a lost and lonely man, without a star to guide me.  
Mariah blow my love to me, I need my gal beside me.

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"They Call the Wind Maria" is an American popular song with lyrics written by Alan J. Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe for their 1951 Broadway musical, *Paint Your Wagon*, which is set in the California Gold Rush. The song gained renewed popularity during the American folk music revival. In 1959, it was included on the Kingston Trio's first live album, *from the Hungry i*, which reached #2 on the Billboard Pop chart and won a RIAA gold record in 1960. It was also included on the Smothers Brothers first album, *The Songs and Comedy of the Smothers Brothers*, recorded at the Purple Onion, San Francisco, released in 1961.