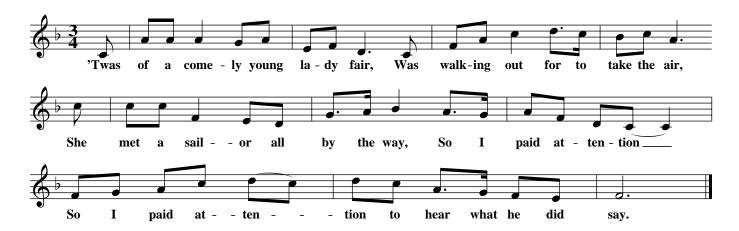
## The Dark-Eyed Sailor



- 2. Says William 'Lady, why roam alone? The day is gone and the night's come on' Said she, while tears from her eyes did fall 'It's my dark-eyed sailor It's my dark-eyed sailor that's prov-ed my downfall'
- 3. "'Tis seven long years since he left this land A ring he took from off his lily-white hand One half of the ring is still here with me But the other's rollin' But the other's rollin' at the bottom of the sea."
- 4. He said "You may drive him out of your mind Some other young man you will surely find Love turns aside and soon cold has grown Like the winter's morning Like the winter's morning, the hills are white with snow."
- 5. She said "I'll never forsake my dear Although we're parted this many a year Genteel he was and a rake like you To induce a maiden To induce a maiden to slight the jacket blue."
- 6. One half of the ring did young William show She ran distracted in grief and woe Sayin' "William, William, I have gold in store For my dark-eyed sailor For my dark-eyed sailor has proved his honour long"
- 7. And there is a cottage by yonder lea
  This couple's married and does agree
  So maids be loyal when your love's at sea
  For a cloudy morning
  For a cloudy morning brings in a sunny day.

Source William Ballinger, aged 80, Gloucester, 1957, collected by Brian Ballinger

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