

Lost Lady Found

It was down in the val - - ley a dam - sel did dwell,
 She lived with her _____ unc - - le and we all knew her well,
 It was down in the val - - ley where the vio - lets were gay,
 Three gyp - - sies be - - trayed her and stole her a - - way.

For subsequent verses the tune is as follows

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2.A long time she'd been miss - ing and could not be found
 Her unc - - le he search - ed the coun - - try a - - round
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 Till he came to her trust - - ee be - - twixt hope and fear
 And the trust - - ee he _____ ans - wered, "She has not been here."

Variation bar 3

Variation bar 9

3. The trustee spake up then with courage so bold,
 "I fear she's been lost for the sake of her gold,
 So we'll have life for life, sir," the trustee did say,
 "We shall send you to prison and there you shall stay."

4. Now he travelled through England, through France and through Spain
 Till he ventured his life on the watery main.
 Till he came to a house where he lodged for the night
 And in that same house was his own heart's delight.

5. As soon as she saw him she flew to his arms
And told him her grief as he gazed on her charms.
"How came you to Dublin, my dearest, I pray?"
"Three gypsies betrayed me and stole me away"
6. "Your uncle in Engerland prison doth lie
All for your dear sake he's condem-ned to die."
"Carry me to old England, old England," she cried,
"And a thousand I will give you, and I will be your bride."
7. When she came to old England her uncle to see,
The cart it rolled under the high gallows tree.
"Oh pardon, oh pardon, oh pardon I crave,
Don't you see I'm alive your dear life to save."
8. Then straight from the gallows they led him away,
The bells they did ring and the music did play,
Every house in the valley with mirth did resound
As soon as they heard the lost lady was found.

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Notes: The first verse is repeated at the end, using the second tune.