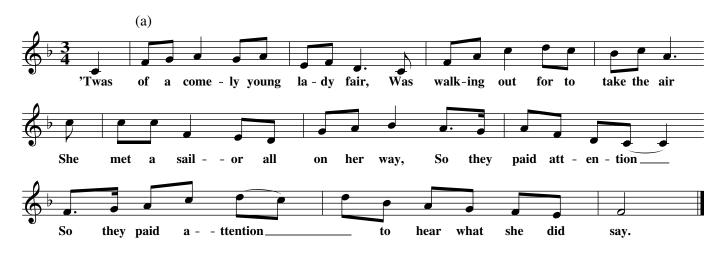
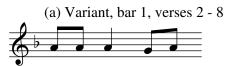
The Dark-Eyed Sailor





- 2. Says William "Lady, why roam alone?
 The night is dark and the day's near gone."
 She said, while tears from her eyes did fall
 "'Tis my dark-eyed sailor
 'Tis my dark eyed sailor
 That's proving my downfall"
- 3. 'Tis three long years since he left the land He took a gold ring from off my hand We broke the token here's part with me-Whilst the other's rolling Whilst the other's rolling At the bottom of the sea.
- 4. Says William "Drive him out of your mind Some other sailor as good you'll find Love turns aside and more cold doth grow Like a winter's morning Like a winter's morning When the lands are covered in snow.
- 5. These words did Phoebe's young heart inflame
 She says "On me you should play your games"
 She drew a dagger and then did cry
 "For my dark-eyed sailor
 For my dark-eyed sailor
 A maid I'll live and die."

- 6. His coal-black eye and his curly hair
 His pleasing tongue did her heart ensnare
 Genteel he was, but no rake like you
 To advise a maiden
 To advise a maiden
 To slight the jacket blue
- 7. Then half the ring did young William show She seemed distracted 'twixt joy and woe O welcome William, I've lands and gold For my dark-eyed sailor For my dark-eyed sailor So manly, true and bold.
- 8. So in the village down by the sea
 They joined in wedlock and well agree
 So maids be true whilst your love's away
 For a cloudy morning
 For a cloudy morning
 Turns out a pleasant day.

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