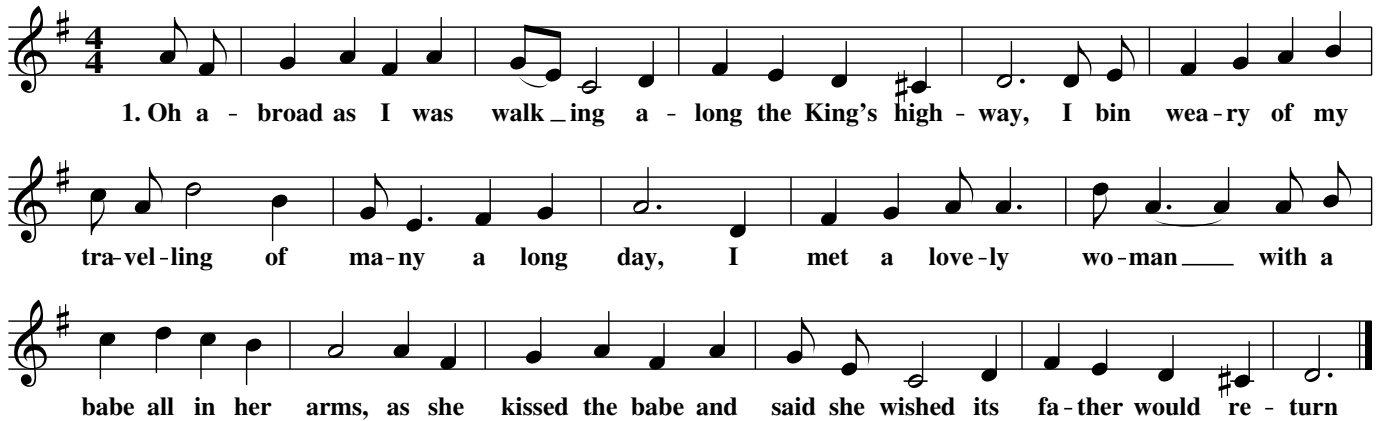


The Gown so Green



1. Oh a - broad as I was walk_ing a - long the King's high - way, I bin wea-ry of my
tra-vel-ling of ma-ny a long day, I met a love-ly wo-man ___ with a
babe all in her arms, as she kissed the babe and said she wished its fa-ther would re - turn

2. "Now good evening lovely woman, for I longed to meet you here,
With that pretty babe all in your arms I seem to love so dear;
I think I knows its father and you before I've seen,
And never no more you'll repent the day when you wore the gown so green?"
3. Now her arms she places round him and fainted away.
"Is it you my lovely Henery 'turned home to me again?
Long time I've made lamenting, but now I'll make a vow
Not a peace nor comfort have I had since from me you've been gone."
4. "Now I've lost one limb in battle, love, and that you plain can see,
A-saving a bold commander's life it proved the prince of me.
I'm left a noble pension, both silver gold in store,
And I means to make you my lawful bride and go abroad no more.
5. Now let's you and I take a licence love on the very day,
Let's you and I get married love 'thout any more delay;
With your sweet prattling baby more pleasure you will see,
And never no more you'll repent the day when you wore the gown so green."

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