

## Claudy Banks (Cloddy Banks)

1. 'Twas on one sum-mer's eve \_\_\_\_\_ ning all in the \_\_\_\_\_ month of  
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 plain All for her ab - sent lov - i - - er who'd gone to plough the main

2. I boldly stepped up to her which put she in surprise  
 She really did not know me, I being in disguise.  
 I said 'My charming creature, my joy and heart's delight  
 How far have you to wander this dark and dreary night?'
3. 'It's all the way to Cloddy Banks, if you will please to show  
 Pity a poor maid distracted, not knowing where to go  
 I am in search of my true love and Johnny is his name  
 All on the banks of Cloddy I am told he do remain.'
4. 'Oh, it's six long weeks or better since your Johnny's left this shore  
 He's crossing the wide ocean where thundering billows roar  
 He's crossing the wide ocean for honour and for gain  
 Till I were told the ship got wrecked all on the coast of Spain.'
5. On hearing this dreadful news, it put she in despair  
 Wringing her hands and crying and tearing of her hair  
 'Now Johnny's gone and left me, no other will I take  
 Once more to woods and valleys I'll wander for his sake.'
6. On hearing of this pretty maid, he could no longer stand  
 For he fell into her arms crying 'Betsy I'm the man,  
 I am your false young man which you thought was slain  
 But since we met on Cloddy Banks, we'll never part again.'

Source: Sung by George "Daddy" Lane, Winchcombe. Collected by Percy Grainger on 8 April 1908.