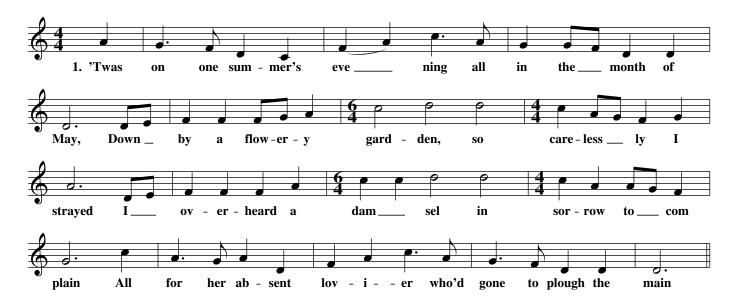
Claudy Banks (Cloddy Banks)



- 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.'

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