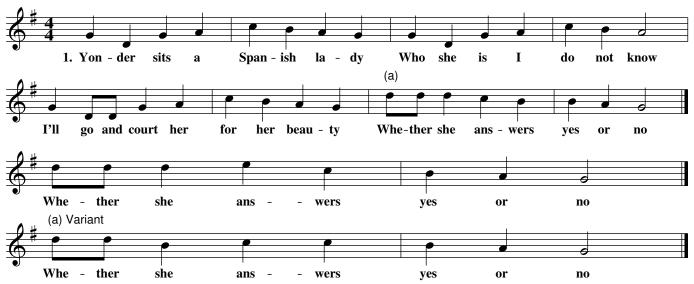
O No John



- 2. Madam, I am come a-courting
 If your favour I can gain
 If you will entertain me
 Perhaps then I might come again.
- 3. Madam, I have rings and jewels Madam, I have house and lands Madam, I have the world of treasure And all shall be at your command.
- 4. Sit down, sir, you're kindly welcome.
 [If your face I never see no more,
 I must and I will have a handsome fellow,
 Let him keep me, rich or poor.]

- 5. What care I for rings and jewels?
 What care I for house and lands?
 What care I for the world of treasure?
 So as I have a handsome man.
- 6. Madam, you think much of beauty. Beauty's a flower soon does fade. The finest flower in your garden Will soon fade and die away.
- 7. First comes night and then comes day. So we pass our time away First come young ones then come old ones. So we pass our time away.

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