

O No John

1. Yon - der sits a Span - ish la - dy Who she is I do not know

(a)
I'll go and court her for her beau - ty Whe-ther she ans - wers yes or no

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(a) Variant
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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.
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