

It was a Young Damsel

1. It was a young dam - - sel was bloo - ming and gay, She was
 cour - ted by one with a fla - - tter - ing tongue, Un - til he had gai - ned her
 inn - o - cent heart, Then he left her to lan - guish and grieve at the smart.
 Tune changes for verses 2 and 3:

2. The news it was ca - rried and qui - ck - ly sur - veyed, And brought to the
 ears of this inn - o - ce - nt maid, It's no ___ to my so - rrow de - clare it I
 can, ___ Not a thing ___ in this world is ___ so false as a man.

3. He stamped and he swore and he vowed it was true,
 In about a month after he happened to view,
 A widow woman that was creeping and old,
 And he married she for the sake of her gold.
4. This young man came in with a mighty good wink,
 Saying, "Although I am married I'll visit you still,
 And you shall have silks, I'll supply you with gold,
 And you shall have everything your eyes can behold."
 (repeat 2 lines of tune)
 "And you shall be my jewel, my joy and heart's delight,
 And I will wait on you both morning and night."
5. "Now I find you're deceitful in every degree,
 You plunder your own wife to bring it to me.
 So out of my presence let me see you here no more,
 As I was not to be your wife and I won't be your whore."

Source: Mrs Elizabeth Smithers (61) at Tewkesbury. Collected by Cecil J. Sharp on 9 January 1908.