

It was a Young Damsel

1. (a) It was a young dam - - sel was bloo - ming and gay, She was
 1. (b) It's of a young damsel that was bloo - ming and young...

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.

3. 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.

- (a) As noted by Sharp in Folk Tunes
- (b) As noted by Sharp in Folksong Words

(Main tune followed by tune for third and fourth verses)

2. 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."
5. "And you shall be my jewel, my joy and heart's delight,
 And I will wait on you both morning and night,
 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."

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