

No No John



2. My father was a Spanish captain,
Went to sea a month ago.
First he kissed me, then he left me -
Bid me always answer no.
Oh, no John, no John, no John, no.

3. Oh, madam in your face is beauty,
On your lips red roses grow.
Will you take me for your lover?
Madam, answer 'Yes' or 'No'.
Oh, no John, no John, no John, no.

4. [Madam] I will give you jewels,
I will make you rich and free.
I will give you silken dresses.
Madam, will you marry me?
Oh, no John, no John, no John, no.

5. Oh, Madam, since you are so cruel
And that you do scorn me so,
If I may not be your lover
Madam, will you let me go?
Oh, no John, no John, no John, no.

6. Then I will stay with you for ever,
If you will not be unkind.
Madam I have vowed to love you-
Would you have me change my mind?
Oh, no John, no John, no John, no.

Source: Sung by Archer Goode, Cheltenham. Collected by Gwilym Davies, January 1975

Notes: Mr Goode told the collector that the song must be sung as a duet and so asked Carol Davies to sing the woman's verses.