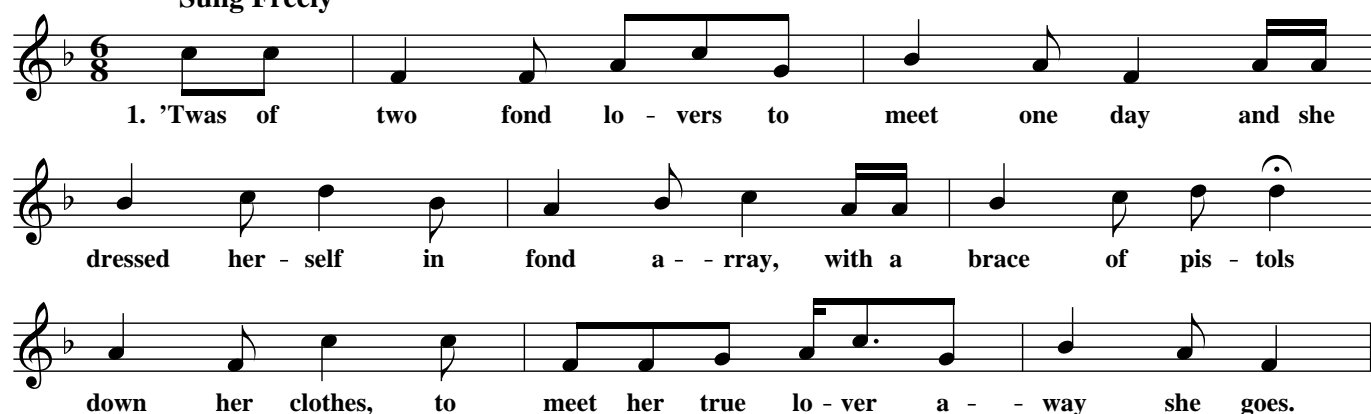


The Diamond Token

(The Female Highwayman)

Sung Freely



1. 'Twas of two fond lo - vers to meet one day and she
dressed her - self in fond a - - rray, with a brace of pis - tols
down her clothes, to meet her true lo - ver a - - way she goes.

2. She met her true lover upon dry land.
She bid him to stop and she bid him to stand
'Stand and deliver, kind sir', she said,
'Stand and deliver, that's all I ask.'
3. He delivered his watch and his golden store
But still she cried, 'There's one thing more.
For a diamond ring I saw you had,
Deliver me that your life to save'.
4. 'My diamond ring is a token gave.
My life I may lose but my ring I will save.'
She blushed in her heart just like a dove,
And rode away from her own true love.
5. The very next morning this couple was seen,
Walking down the garden green
With his gold watch hung down her clothes
That made him blush like any rose.
6. 'What makes you blush, you silly thing?
'Twas me that robbed your diamond ring.
'Twas me that robbed you on the plain,
So here's your gold watch and your pretty girl back again.'
7. 'How could you venture on such a plot?
Supposing I'd had my pistol and shot?
Then I should have shot my own true love
Who was tender-hearted like a dove.'
8. 'I only did it for to know,
Whether you were me true love or no,
But now I find your constant mind,
All I have, love, shall be thine.'

Source: Sung by Sarah Phelps, 7 Council Houses, Avening. Learnt from her sister.
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