

O No John

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

4 Sit down, sir, you're kindly welcome
 (rest forgotten)

7 First comes night and then comes day.
 So we pass our time away
 First come young ones then come old ones.
 So we pass our time away.

Source: Sung by William 'Daddy' Shepherd (93), Winchcombe workhouse.
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