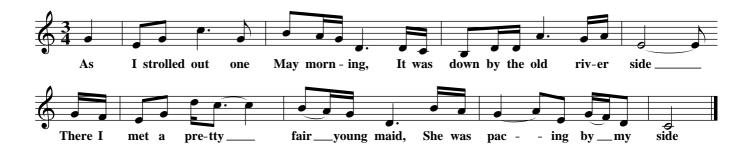
The Old Riverside



- 2. I asked her if she would take a walk Down by the old riverside 'And there we would set and talk a while I'd make you my lawful wife.'
- 3. 'No, kind sir, to get married to you
 My age it is too young'
 'For the younger you are more better you is
 More fitter you are for me
 As I could say in my old days
 That I married my wife a maid.'
- 4. He took her to his father's house His lawful bride to be They lay there all that long night Till daylight did-a appear.

[5.All in the first part of the night The couple sport and played And the rest part of the night Close in his arms she laid.]

[6.When that long night was past and gone And daylight did repair]
The young man he rose and put on his clothes And said 'Fare you well my dear.'

- 7. 'This is not the promise you made unto me Down by the old riverside
 You promised that you would marry me
 And make me your lawful bride.'
- 8. 'If I promised to marry you
 It was only to try your will
 [For to promise to marry a girl like you
 Is not such a thing I would do
 For there's not a girl in this wide world
 As easily led as you.]

- 9. Now it's you go home to your father's house And there you cry your fill You can tell 'em all what I've done to you It was done by your own good will.'
- 10. 'Do you think I'd go home to my father's house To take him shame and disgrace?I would rather go by the old riverside And sleep in a lonesome place.'
- 11. He catched her by her lily-white hand He kissed her both cheek and her chin He took her down by the old riverside And he gently pushed her in.
- 12. 'Oh there she goes and away she flows She's floating down with the tide In the room of laying in a watery grave She had of rights to've bin my bride'
- 13. 'Now it's I'll sail away to another foreign part Where some other girl will take my eye And there's nobody shall know the deed I have done To the girl I left behind.'

[14. I've got a root in my father's garden Some do call it rue. For fishes swims and swallows dive Young men they don't prove true.]

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