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#### Joan Baez by John M.Conly

The paramount fact about Joan Baez is beauty. She has it; she generates it; and she uses it. Lest this seem rhapsodical, be it admitted that she is a human being, with impulses, frailties, and foibles, perhaps even a little young wickedness. But the gospel is beauty.

Plainly she has no desire to appear a conventional beauty. Indeed, she dresses against any such possibility. Her admirers waggishly advert to her concert costumes as gunny sacks. They aren't, quite, but they are commonly handwoven garb, purposely shapeless, so that she seems almost a twig-legged waif, a grown-up Little Match Girl, in the spotlight. Offstage she is not in the least twiggy. She has a fine, lithe dancer's body. One has the impression that she would fence very well (as, metaphorically, against the everyday world, she does). She is vividly alert.

She is a personage, of which she is aware. Or, rather, perhaps, she may think of herself as a purpose, of which she has been given charge whether she wants it or not. She is conscious of her image. At an artist's studio, during the preparation of this book, she idly moved behind his drawing board and, half-doodling, sketched a picture (she draws very well and quickly). It was a Joan Baez. More to the point, it was a stylized Joan Baez, with tresses flowing forward over the shoulders, a young mystery. This is her image, and do not read the word in the Madison Avenue sense. It is not an image she created for any public; it is truly the image she has found, thus far, looking for Joan Baez. She offers it honestly.

She offers it, also, with love. Love and beauty are indivisible—in her singing, her living, her view of the world. There is consummate musicality in her art, but the word seems to trouble her, and she would rather call it loving.

Joan Baez is of Mexican and Scottish-Irish parentage, and her father is a rather noted scientist and educator. She has lived in a number of places, mostly cities, and has been exposed to all the education she wanted. However, folk song was her own discovery, in her late teens (remember, she is precocious). Patently it filled a want in her. She has not said this, but her work shows it (as does this book): it offered her a sort of kinship with the continuing "condition humaine," the changeless part of man's nature; the sensitivity, humor, bravery, acceptance, and shrewdness that have sustained our kind in all ages and quarters of the world—and which we need now.

Joan Baez has purveyed this, beautifully, with her voice and her presence. Now she continues the effort with this book. It would seem highly likely that anyone who buys this book already owns at least one Joan Baez record. Anyone who doesn't: buy one. However, do not try to imitate her singing. In the first place, you can't. In the second place, that is not what she offers this book for. You are supposed to discover your own way into the songs, as she did. It should be a lovely adventure.

The chord progressions indicated above the music are the chords as they sound in the key in which the arrangement is written. Following these are chords in parentheses which are the chords actually played when a capo is used to avoid the more difficult bar chords.

For the guitarist who wishes to play along with the Joan Baez recordings, which are often in different keys than the keys of the piano arrangements, we have supplied a legend above each song, as for example:

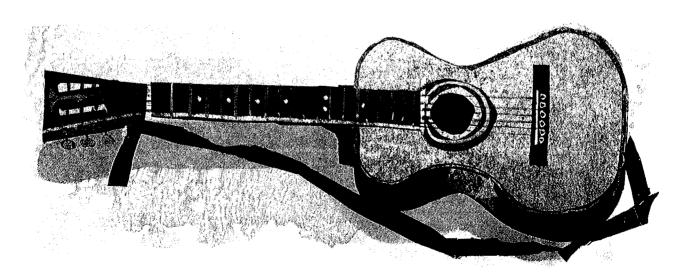
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This means that Joan Baez sings this song in the key of E; that the capo is to be placed at the 4th fret; that the player is to finger the chords as if they were in C, but that they will actually sound in E.

Occasionally, the harmony of the piano arrangement differs from Joan Baez' guitar accompaniment. In these cases, Joan's harmony is indicated by a footnote, so that the pianist who wishes to observe her original chord progressions can do so.

The editors have refrained from suggesting any "picking" styles, preferring to leave that choice up to the guitarist.

#### For the Guitarist





#### Geordie

An 18th century English broadside ballad has intertwined with a 17th century traditional Scottish ballad to produce one of the dramatic gems of British balladry. Poaching, even by a nobleman, was a serious crime. His high position, however, entitled him to a death befitting his station in life. Geordie's sweetheart (or wife) pleads for his life, usually to no avail, though in at least one other version he obtains his freedom thanks to the sheer force of her character.

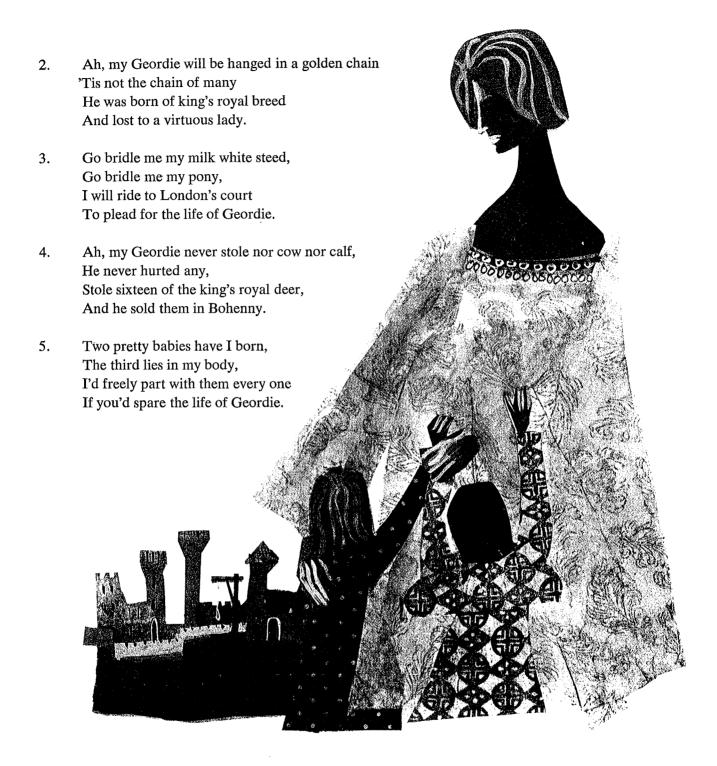
KEY: F MINOR

CAPO: 1ST

PLAY: E MINOR

(CHILD NO. 209)





- 6. The judge looked over his left shoulder, He said fair maid I'm sorry
  He said fair maid you must be gone,
  For I cannot pardon Geordie.
  - 7. Ah, my Geordie will be hanged in a golden chain, 'Tis not the chain of many,
    Stole sixteen of the king's royal deer
    And he sold them in Bohenny.

This may well be but one half of a longer ballad in which a sinking of a merchant ship by a pirate is revenged when the King sends one of his captains to locate, defeat and capture the pirate. As given here, we have the first half of that tale; the rest of the story is dramatically told in another Child ballad, "Sir Andrew Barton" (Child No. 167). Both ballads have been collected frequently from traditional singers in America.

#### Henry Martin

KEY: B MINOR

CAPO: 2ND

PLAY: A MINOR

(CHILD NO. 250)







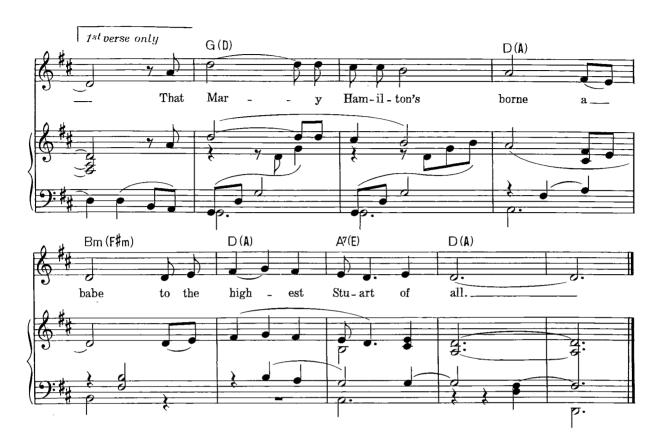
- The lot it fell first upon Henry Martin,The youngest of all the three,That he should turn robber all on the salt sea, the salt sea,For to maintain his two brothers and he.
- 3. They had not been sailing but a long Winter's night,
  And part of a short Winter's day,
  When he espied a stout lofty ship, lofty ship, lofty ship
  Come a-bibbing down on him straight way.
- 4. "Hello, hello," cried Henry Martin"What makes you sail so nigh?""I'm a rich merchant ship bound for fair London town, London town,

Would you please for to let me pass by?"

- 5. "Oh, no, oh no," cried Henry Martin,"This thing it never could be,For I have turned robber all on the salt sea, the salt sea,For to maintain my two brothers and me."
- 6. "Come lower your tops'l and brail up your mizzen,
  Bring your ship under my lee
  Or I will give to you a full cannon ball, cannon ball,
  And all your dear bodies drown in the salt sea."
- 7. "Oh no, we won't lower our lofty topsail,
  Nor bring our ship under your lee
  And you shan't take from us our rich merchant goods, merchant goods,
  goods, merchant goods,
  Nor point our bold guns to the sea.
- 8. And broadside and broadside and at it they went
  For fully two hours or three,'Til Henry Martin gave to them the death shot, the death shot,
  the death shot
  And straight to the bottom went she.
- 9. Bad news, bad news to old England came,Bad news to fair London town,There's been a rich vessel and she's cast away, cast away,And all of her merry men drowned.







13.

- 2. "Arise, arise, Mary Hamilton,
   Arise and tell to me,
   What thou hast done with thy wee babe
   I saw and heard weep by thee?"
- 3. "I put him in a tiny boat,
  And cast him out to sea,
  That he might sink or he might swim,
  But he'd never come back to me."
- 4. "Arise, arise, Mary Hamilton,
  Arise and come with me;
  There is a wedding in Glasgow town,
  This night we'll go and see."
- 5. She put not on her robes of black,Nor her robes of brown,But she put on her robes of white,To ride into Glasgow town.
- 6. And as she rode into Glasgow town,
  The city for to see,
  The bailiff's wife and the provost's wife
  Cried, "Ach, and alas for thee."
- 7. "Ah, you need not weep for me," she cried, "You need not weep for me;
  For had I not slain my own wee babe,
  This death I would not dee."

- 8.. "Ah, little did my mother think
  When first she cradled me,
  The lands I was to travel in,
  And the death I was to dee."
- 9. "Last night I washed the Queen's feet,
  And put the gold in her hair,
  And the only reward I find for this,
  The gallows to be my share."
- 10. "Cast off, cast off my gown," she cried,"But let my petticoat be,And tie a napkin 'round my face;The gallows I would not see."
- 11. Then by and come the King himself,Looked up with a pitiful eye,"Come down, come down, Mary Hamilton,Tonight, you'll dine with me."
- 12. "Ah, hold your tongue, my sovereign liege,
  And let your folly be;
  For if you'd a mind to save my life,
  You'd never have shamed me here."
  - "Last night there were four Marys,
    Tonight there'll be but three,
    There was Mary Beaton, and Mary Seton,
    And Mary Carmichael, and me."

#### Silkie

"The Great Silkie of Sule Skerry" is one of numerous tales of the 'Silkies,' or sealfolk, known to the inhabitants of the Orkney Islands and the Hebrides. These enchanted creatures dwell in the depth of the sea, occasionally doffing their seal skins to pass on land as mortal men. Legend has it that they then accept human partners, and some families on the islands actually trace their ancestry to such marriages. In more complete versions of the ballad the Silkie's forecast of the death of himself and his son (stanzas 5 and 6) eventually come to pass. The tune is by Dr. James Waters of Columbia University.

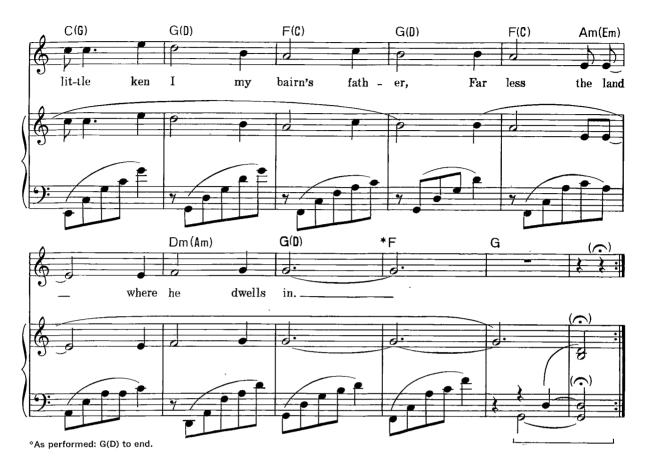
KEY: D

CAPO: NONE

PLAY: D

(CHILD NO. 113)





- 2. For he came one night to her bed feet, And a grumbly guest, I'm sure was he, Saying "Here am I, thy bairn's father, Although I be not comely."
- 3. "I am a man upon the land,
  I am a silkie on the sea,
  And when I'm far and far frae land,
  My home it is in Sule Skerrie."
- 4. And he had ta'en a purse of gold
  And he had placed it upon her knee,
  Saying, "Give to me my little young son,
  And take thee up thy nurse's fee."
- 5. "And it shall come to pass on a summer's day,
  When the sun shines bright on every stane,
  I'll come and fetch my little young son,
  And teach him how to swim the faem."
- 6. "And ye shall marry a gunner good,
  And a right fine gunner I'm sure he'll be,
  And the very first shot that e'er he shoots
  Will kill both my young son and me."



#### Barbara Allen

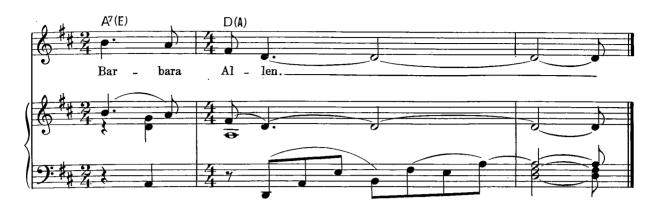
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PLAY: A

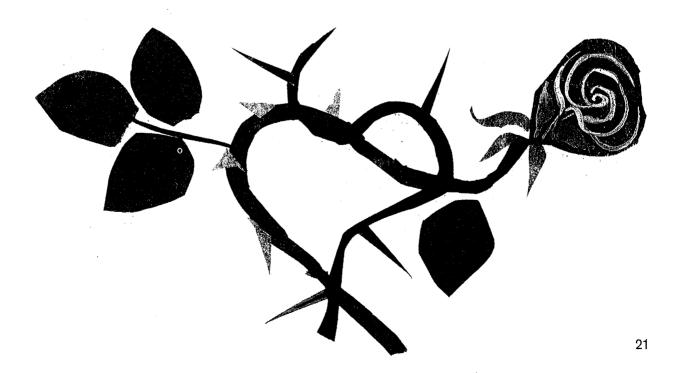
(CHILD NO. 84)





- He sent his servant to the town,
   To the place where she was dwellin',
   Saying, "You must come to my master dear,
   If your name be Barb'ry Allen."
- 3. So, slowly, slowly she got up,
  And slowly she drew nigh him,
  And the only words to him did say,
  "Young man, I think you're dyin'."
- 4. He turned his face unto the wall, And death was in him wellin', "Good-bye, good-bye to my friends all, Be good to Barb'ry Allen."
- 5. When he was dead and laid in grave, She heard the death bells knellin', And every stroke to her did say: "Hard-hearted Barb'ry Allen."

- 6. "Oh mother, oh mother, go dig my grave,
  Make it both long and narrow;
  Sweet William died of love for me,
  And I will die of sorrow."
- "And father, oh father, go dig my grave,
   Make it both long and narrow,
   Sweet William died on yesterday,
   And I will die tomorrow."
- 8. Barb'ry Allen was buried in the old church-yard, Sweet William was buried beside her;
  Out of Sweet William's heart there grew a rose,
  Out of Barb'ry Allen's, a briar.
- 9. They grew and grew in the old church-yard, 'Til they could grow no higher;At the end they formed a true lovers' knot, And the rose grew 'round the briar.



Aside from its exquisite poetry and music, this ballad is notable for its exhibition of the universal popular belief that excessive grief on the part of mourners disturbs the peace of the dead. Most of the verses of "The Unquiet Grave" can be found in other ballads and folk lyrics, suggesting the possibility that what we have here is only a fragment of a longer ballad still undiscovered. But in its few short verses it presents a compelling and highly dramatic vignette of love, death and grief.

The Unquiet Grave

KEY: C

CAPO: NONE

PLAY: C

(CHILD NO. 78)





- I'll do as much for my true love,
   As any young girl may,
   I'll sit and mourn all on his grave,
   For twelve months and a day.
- 3. And when twelve months and a day was passed, The ghost did rise and speak, "Why sittest thou all on my grave And will not let me sleep?"
- 4. "Go fetch me water from the desert,
   And blood from out the stone,
   Go fetch me milk from a fair maid's breast
   That young man never has known."

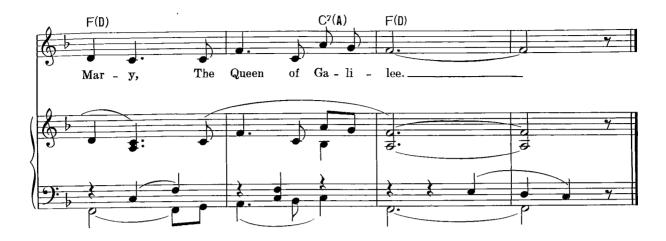
- 5. "My breast it is as cold as clay, My breath is earthly strong, And if you kiss my cold clay lips Your days they won't be long."
- 6. "How oft on yonder grave, sweetheart, Where we were wont to walk, The fairest flower that e'er I saw Has withered to a stalk."
- 7. "When will we meet again, sweetheart,
  When will we meet again?"
  "When the Autumn leaves that fall from the trees
  Are green and spring up again." .

This is one of the most popular of English religious folk ballads. Its tale derives from the Pseudo-Matthew gospel, and in medieval times was frequently dramatized in folk plays and mystery pageants including, among others, those performed by the Grey Friars in Coventry. Fuller versions of the ballad sometimes contain predictions of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

#### The Cherry Tree Carol

KEY: D CAPO: NONE; TUNE 6TH STRING TO D PLAY: D (CHILD NO. 54)





- 2. Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green,
  There were berries and cherries as thick as might be seen,
  There were berries and cherries as thick as might be seen.
  - 3. And Mary spoke to Joseph, so meek and so mild, "Joseph gather me some cherries, for I am with child, Joseph gather me some cherries, for I am with child."
    - 4. And Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he, "Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee, Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee."
      - 5. Then up spoke baby Jesus from in Mary's womb, "Bend down the tallest tree that my mother might have some, Bend down the tallest tree that my mother might have some."
        - 6. And bent down the tallest branch 'til it touched Mary's hand,
          Cried she, "Oh, look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command,"
          Cried she, "Oh, look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command."



# This is one of the best of the American versions of "The Wife of Usher's Well," a remarkable ballad on the theme of persistent grief and tears disturbing the sleep of the dead. The children have been sent away to learn magic (grammaree), a point rarely recognized by the folk who sing the ballad. The children's death and their mother's prayer for their return culminates in their ghostly visit to warn her of the effect of her mourning. In most American versions of the Child ballads supernatural motifs disappear, except where, as in the case of "Lady Gay," there are religious overtones to the ballad tale.

#### Lady Gay

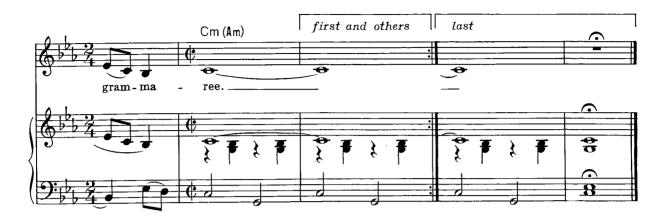
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CAPO: 3RD

PLAY: C

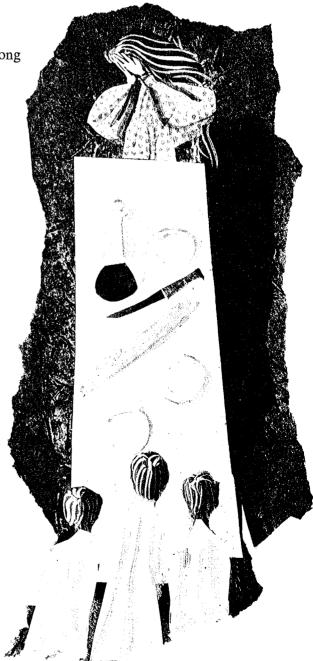
(CHILD NO. 79)





 They'd not been gone but a very short time, Scarcely three weeks and a day, When death, cruel death, came harkening along And stole those babes away.

- 3. "There is a King in Heaven", she cried,"A King of third degreeSend back, send back my three little babes,This night send them back to me."
- 4. She made a bed in the uppermost room,On it she put a white sheet,And over the top a golden spreadThat they much better might sleep.
- 5. "Take it off, take it off," cried the older one,"Take it off, take it off," cried he,"For what's to become
   of this wide wicked worldSince sin has first begun."
- 6. She set a table of linen fine,
  On it she placed bread and wine,
  "Come eat, come drink, my three little babes
  Come eat, come drink of mine."
- 7. "We want none of your bread, mother,
  Neither do we want your wine,
  For yonder stands our Savior dear,
  To Him we must resign."
- 8. "Green grass is over our heads, mother,
  Cold clay is over our feet,
  And every tear you shed for us,
  It wets our winding-sheet."



Child's title for this ballad, "James Harris, or the Daemon Lover," indicates the supernatural status of the returning lover, a point which is usually rationalized or eliminated in most American versions. In this fine version, however, the demonic character of the suitor is alluded to in the dramatic closing verses. Next to "Barbara Allen," this is probably the most popular of the Child ballads performed in American tradition.

#### House Carpenter

KEY: C MINOR

CAPO: 3RD

PLAY: A MINOR

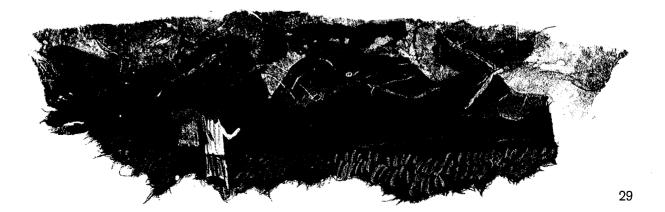
(CHILD NO. 243)



- "I could have married the king's daughter, dear, 9.
   She would have married me,
   But I have forsaken her crowns of gold
   All for the love of thee."
- 3. "Well, if you could have married the king's daughter, dear,I'm sure you are to blame,For I am married to a house carpenter,I find him a nice young man."
- 4. "Ah, will you forsake your house carpenter, And go along with me, I'll take you where the grass grows green, By the banks of the salt, salt sea."
- "Well, if I should forsake my house carpenter, And go along with thee, What have you got to maintain me on And keep me from poverty."
- 6. "Six ships, six ships all out on the sea, Seven more upon dry land, One hundred and ten all brave sailor men, Will be at your command."
- 7. She picked up her own wee babe,And kisses gave him three,Said, "Stay right here with my house carpenter,And keep him good company."
- 8. Then she putted on her rich attire, So glorious to behold,
  And as she trod along her way,
  She shone like the glittering gold.

- 9. Well they'd not been gone but about two weeks,

  I know it was not three,
  When this fair lady began to weep,
  She wept most bitterly.
- 10. "Ah, why do you weep, my fair young maid, Weep you for your golden store
  Or do you weep for your house carpenter,
  Who never you shall see any more."
- 11. "I do not weep for my house carpenter Or for any golden store,I do weep for my own wee babe Who never I shall see any more."
- Well, they'd not been gone but about three weeks,I'm sure it was not four,Our gallant ship sprang a leak and sank,Never to rise any more.
- 13. One time 'round spun our gallant ship
  Two times 'round spun she,
  Three times around spun our gallant ship
  And sank to the bottom of the sea.
- 14. "What hills, what hills are those, my love, That rise so fair and high?""Those are the hills of Heaven my love, But not for you and I."
- 15. "And what hills, what hills are those, my love,Those hills so dark and low?""Those are the hills of Hell, my love, Where you and I must go."



This dramatic ballad traces back to at least the beginning of the 17th century in Britain, but has proven more popular in this country than in the Old World. Its tale of adultery and the gruesome revenge which follows has struck a responsive note in the New World wherever Puritan and Calvinist precepts hold sway, undoubtedly accounting for its widespread popularity in this country despite its great length.

#### Matty Groves

KEY: Bb MINOR

CAPO: 1ST

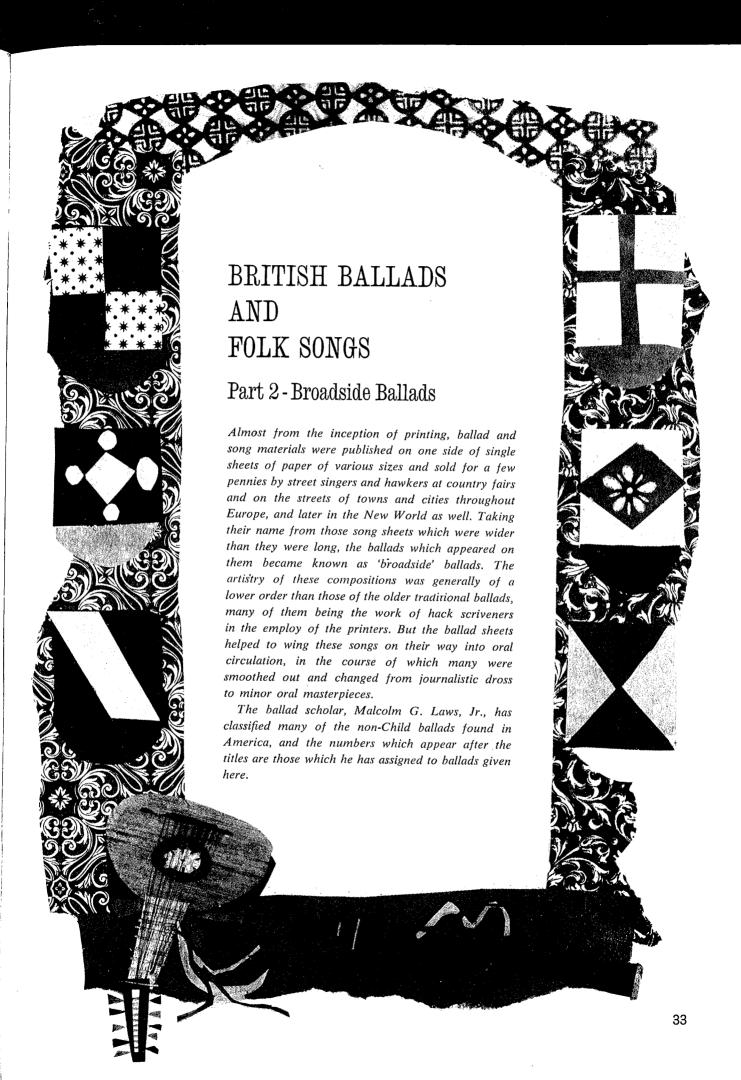
PLAY: A MINOR

(CHILD NO. 81)



- 2. He spied three ladies dressed in black,As they came into view,Lord Arlen's wife was gaily clad,A flower among the few, a flower among the few.
- 3. She trippèd up to Matty Groves,Her eyes so low cast down,Saying, "Pray, oh, pray come with me stay,As you pass through the town, as you pass through the town."
- 4. "I cannot go, I dare not go,
   I fear 'twould cost my life,
   For I see by the little ring you wear,
   You are Lord Arlen's wife, you're the great Lord Arlen's wife."
- 5. "This may be false, this may be true,
   I can't deny it all,
   Lord Arlen's gone to consecrate
   King Henry at Whitehall, King Henry at Whitehall."
- 6. "Oh, pray, oh pray come with me stay,
   I'll hide thee out of sight,
   I'll serve you there beyond compare,
   And sleep with you the night, and sleep with you the night."
- 7. Her little page did listen well,To all that they did say,And ere the sun could rise againHe quickly sped away, he quickly sped away.
- 8. And he did run the Kings' highway,
  He swam across the tide,
  He ne'er did stop until he came
  To the great Lord Arlen's side, to the great Lord Arlen's side.
- 9. "What news, what news, my bully boy,
  What news brings you to me,
  My castle burned, my tenants robbed,
  My lady with baby, my lady with baby?"
- 10. "No harm has come your house and land,"
  The little page did say,
  "But Matty Groves is bedded up
  With your fair lady gay, with your fair lady gay."
- 11. Lord Arlen called his merry men,He bade them with him go,He bade them ne'er a word to speak,And ne'er a horn to blow, and ne'er a horn to blow.

- But among Lord Arlen's merry menWas one who wished no ill,And the bravest lad in all the crewBlew his horn so loud and shrill, blew his horn so loud and shrill.
- "What's this, what's this," cried Matty Groves,"What's this that I do hear?It must be Lord Arlen's merry men,The ones that I do fear, the ones that I do fear."
- 15. Little Matty Groves he did lie down,He took a nap asleep,And when he woke Lord Arlen wasA-standing at his feet, a-standing at his feet.
- 17. "Ah, it's very well I like your bed,And it's fine I like your sheets,But it's best I like your fair young brideWho lies in my arms asleep, who lies in my arms asleep."
- 18. "Rise up, rise up, little Matty Groves,
  As fast as e'er you can;
  In England it shall ne'er be said
  I slew a sleeping man, I slew a sleeping man."
- 19. And the firstest stroke little Matty struck,He hurt Lord Arlen sore,But the nextest stroke Lord Arlen struck,Little Matty struck no more, little Matty struck no more.
- She picked up Matty's dying head,She kissed from cheek to chin,Said, "It's Matty Groves I'd rather haveThan Arlen and all his kin, than Arlen and all his kin."
- 22. "Ah, woe is me and woe is thee,Why stayed you not your hand?For you have killed the fairest ladIn all of England, in all of England."



The rejected suitor who in turn rejects his false lover when she finally calls for him is a popular theme in traditional and broadside balladry, and numerous different versifications have been collected from traditional singers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. This is one of the best of them, uncomplicated by the introduction of other themes.

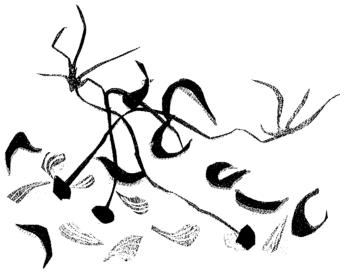
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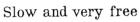
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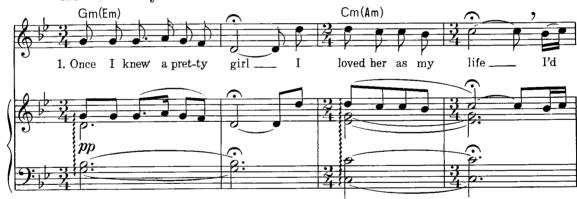
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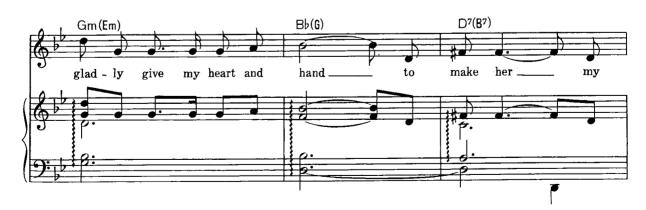
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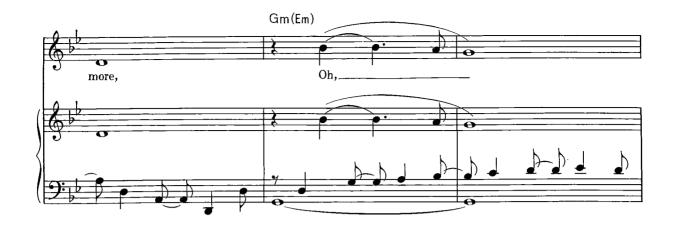


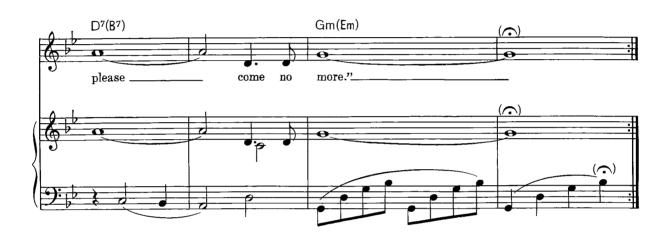












- Well, I'd not been gone but about six months,When she did complain,And she wrote me a letter,Saying, "Please come back again,Ooh, please come again."
- 4. And I wrote her an answer,
  Just for to let her know,
  That no young man should venture,
  Where once he could not go,
  Ooh, where once he could not go.
- So come all ye young lovers,Take a warning from me,And never place your affectionsOn a green growin' tree,Ooh, on a green growin' tree.
- 6. 'Cause the leaves they will wither,
  Roots will decay,
  And the beauty of a young maid,
  Will soon fade away,
  Ooh, soon fade away.

### Silver Dagger

Family opposition to the marriage of lovers takes many forms in traditional ballads, almost all of which end either with the lovers committing suicide or one of them being done away with by the recalcitrant parents. In this version of "The Silver Dagger," however, the ballad ends inconclusively for we are not told what course will be taken by the rejected lover.

KEY: Db

CAPO: 4TH

PLAY: A

(LAWS M 4 AND G 21)







- All men are false, says my mother,
   They'll tell you wicked, lovin' lies.
   The very next evening, they'll court another,
   Leave you alone to pine and sigh.
- My daddy is a handsome devil,
   He's got a chain five miles long,
   And on every link a heart does dangle
   Of another maid he's loved and wronged.
- 4. Go court another tender maiden,
  And hope that she will be your wife,
  For I've been warned, and I've decided
  To sleep alone all of my life.

This ballad appears to have been founded on an actual occurrence. In the 17th century, young Lord Craigton was married to Elizabeth Innes, a girl several years his senior, in a child marriage intended to consolidate family fortunes. The young husband died several years later. The use of a colored ribbon as a marriage token (stanza 4) is a centuries-old tradition still found in rural folk communities. The ballad is widely known in Scotland ("Lang A-Growing"), Ireland ("The Bonny Boy"), and in England under the title given here.

KEY: F MINOR

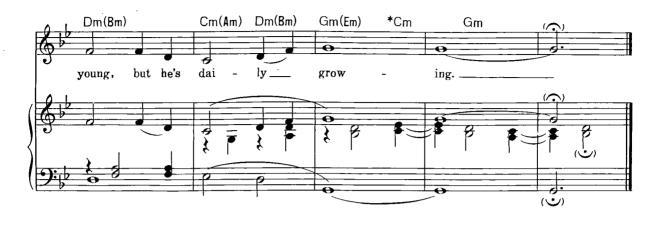
CAPO: 1ST

PLAY: E MINOR

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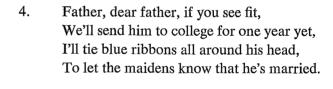
# The Trees They Do Grow High





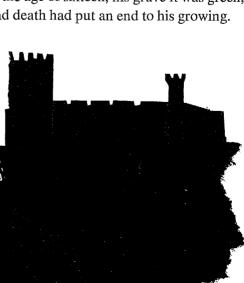
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- 2. Father, dear father, you've done me great wrong, You have married me to a boy who is too young, I'm twice twelve and he is but fourteen, He's young but he's daily growing.
- 3. Daughter, dear daughter, I've done you no wrong, I have married you to a great lord's son, He'll make a lord for you to wait upon, He's young but he's daily growing.



One day I was lookin' o'er my father's castle wall,
 I spied all the boys a-playin' with the ball,
 My own true love was the flower of them all,
 He's young but he's daily growing.

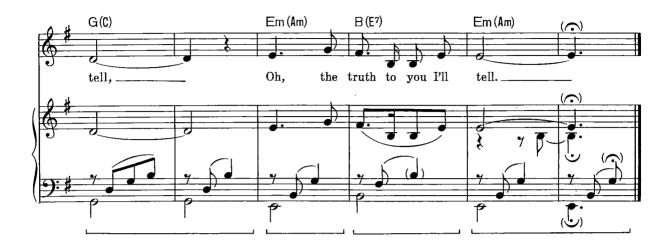
At the age of fourteen, he was a married man, At the age of fifteen, the father of a son, At the age of sixteen, his grave it was green, And death had put an end to his growing.



#### Jackaroe

The girl who disguises herself as a soldier or sailor in order to be at the side of her lover is an age-old theme, and in English alone more than 20 different ballads on this theme have been collected from traditional singers. "Jackaroe" is one of the most popular of these to be found in America. Here, as in most ballads about a "female warrior," all ends well.





- 2. She had sweethearts a-plenty and men of high degree,
  There was none but Jack the sailor her true love e'er could be,
  Oh, her true love e'er could be.
- 3. Now Jackie's gone a-sailing with trouble on his mind, To leave his native country and his darling girl behind, Oh, his darling girl behind.
- 4. She went into a tailor shop and dressed in men's array, And stepped on board a vessel to convey herself away, Oh, convey herself away.
- 5. "Before you step on board, sir, your name I'd like to know."
  She smiled all in her countenance, "they call me Jackaroe,
  Oh, they call me Jackaroe."
- 6. "Your waist is light and slender, your fingers are neat and small Your cheeks too red and rosy to face the cannon-ball, Oh, to face the cannon-ball."
- 7. "I know my waist is slender, my fingers neat and small, But it would not make me tremble to see ten thousand fall, Oh, to see ten thousand fall."
- 8. The war soon being over, they hunted all around,
  And among the dead and dying her darling boy she found,
  Oh, her darling boy she found.
- 9. She picked him up all in her arms and carried him to the town, And sent for a physician who quickly healed his wounds, Oh, who quickly healed his wounds.
- 10. This couple, they got married, so well did they agree,
  This couple they got married, so why not you and me,
  Oh, so why not you and me.

#### Stewball

KEY: C

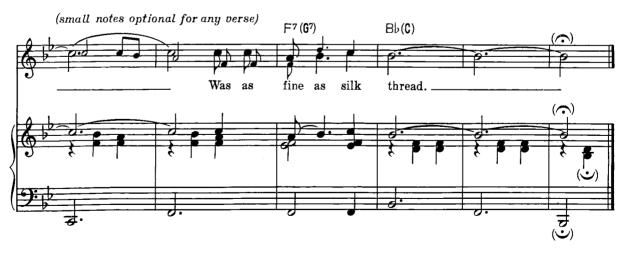
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PLAY: C

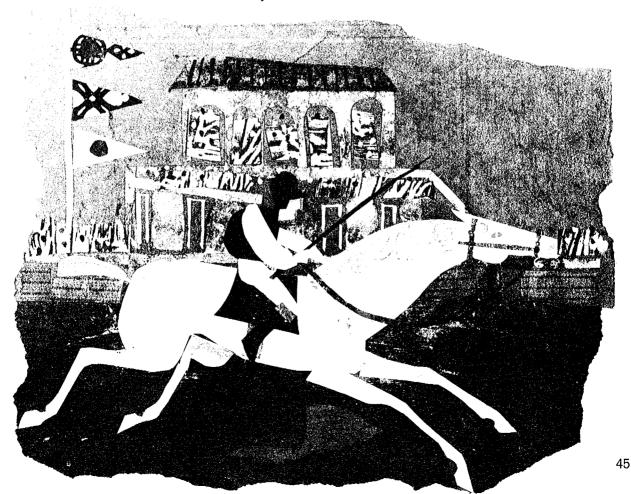
(LAWS Q 22)







- I rode him in England,I rode him in Spain,And I never did lose, boys,I always did gain.
- 3. So come all you gamblers, Wherever you are, And don't bet your money On that little gray mare.
- 4. Most likely she'll stumble,Most likely she'll fall,But you never will lose, boys,On my noble Stewball.
- As they were a-ridin''Bout halfway around,That gray mare she stumbledAnd fell on the ground.
- 6. And away out yonder,
  Ahead of them all,
  Came a-prancin' an' dancin'
  My noble Stewball.



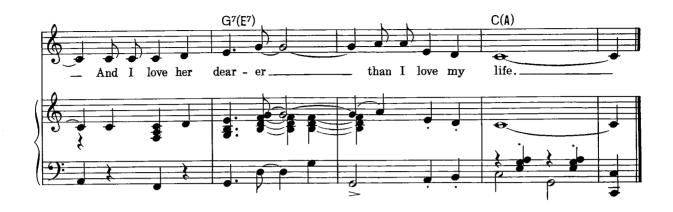
The original British broadside ballad from which this version is descended lists the many crimes of the narrator, including the robbery of various Lords, Dukes and Earls, for which he is eventually condemned to the gallows. In oral tradition the narrative element is pretty weak, his crimes are generalized and his burial instructions give no indication of his capture and sentencing. Its handsome tune more than makes up for the loss of details in this ballad version.

#### Rake and Rambling Boy

KEY: C CAPO: 3RD PLAY: A

(LAWS L 12)





- Oh, she was pretty, both neat and gay, Caused me to rob the broad highway, Oh, yes I robbed it, I do declare, And I got myself ten thousand there.
- 3. Well, I'm a rake, etc.

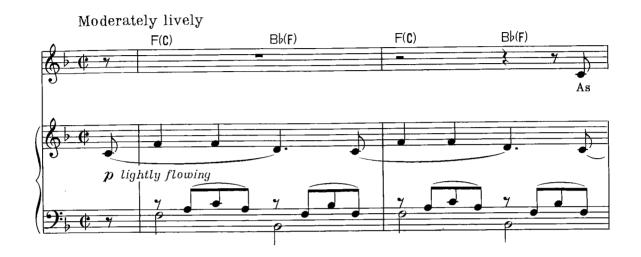
- Oh, when I die, don't bury me at all,Place my bones in alcohol,And at my feet, place a white snow dove,To tell the world that I died for love.
- 5. Well, I'm a rake, etc.



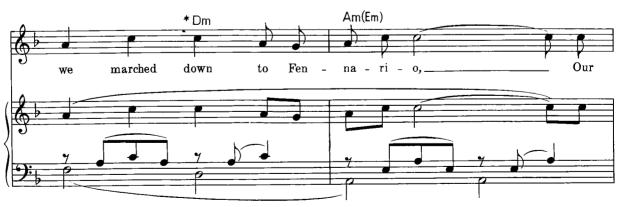
# Cecil Sharp discovered several versions of this ballad in the Southern Appalachians on his collecting trips during the first World War, though it appears to have disappeared from American tradition since that time. It is still extremely popular in Scotland as "The Bonnie Lass o' Fyvie—O" and was earlier known in England as "Pretty Peggy of Derby."

#### Fennario

KEY: E CAPO: 4TH PLAY: C

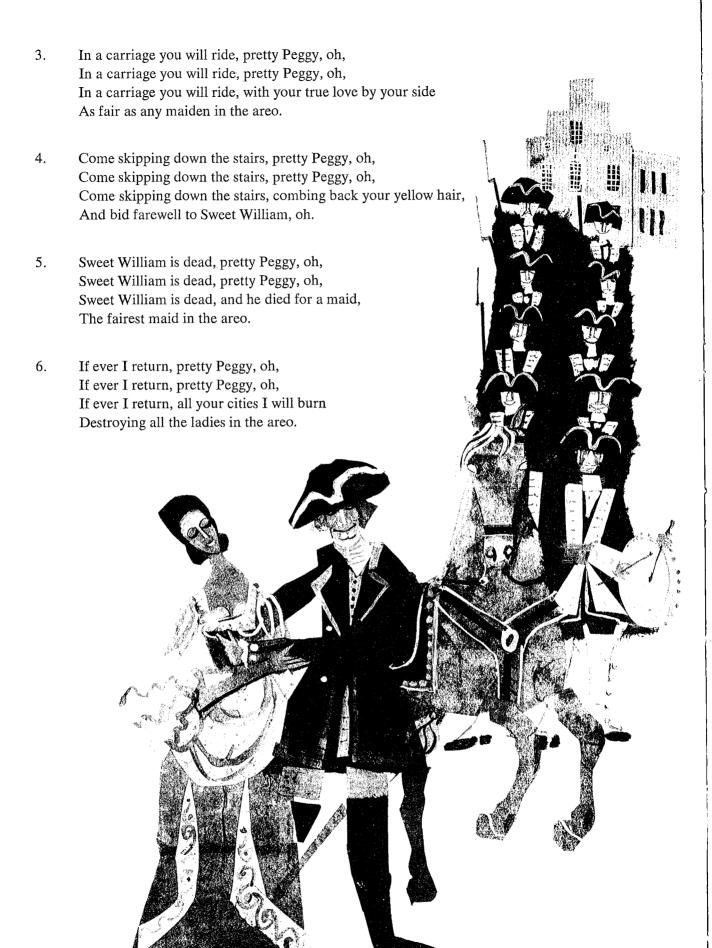








2. What will your mother think, pretty Peggy, oh?
What will your mother think, pretty Peggy, oh?
What will your mother think, when she hears the guineas clink,
And the soldiers all marching before you, oh?



### John Riley

The returning soldier or sailor who disguises himself in order to test his sweetheart's fidelity has long been a favorite theme with ballad singers. Of course, everything turns out happily when she proves true and he reveals his real identity to her. To prove his identity, the 'long lost lover' usually shows her one half of a token which they broke between them at his departure.

KEY: C MINOR

CAPO: 3RD

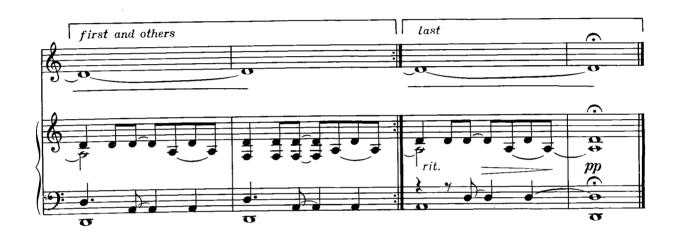
PLAY: A MINOR

(LAWS N 42)









- 2. "Oh, no, kind sir, I cannot marry thee,
  For I've a love who sails all on the seas,
  He's been gone for seven years,
  Still no man shall marry me."
- 3. "What if he's in some battle slain,
  Or drownded in the deep salt sea?
  What if he's found another love,
  And he and his love both married be?"

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- 4. "If he's in some battle slain,
  I will die when the moon doth wane.
  If he's drownded in the deep salt sea,
  I'll be true to his memory."
- 5. "And if he's found another love,
  And he and his love both married be,
  I wish them health and happiness
  Where they dwell across the sea."
- 6. He picked her up all in his arms,
  And kisses gave her, one, two, three,
  Saying, "Weep no more, my own true love,
  I am your long lost John Riley."

Tragedy resulting from parental opposition to the marriage of two lovers was a favorite broadside theme. Though the text has the sound of British broadside balladry, the ballad of "Willie Moore" has been reported only in America, and rather rarely at that. One Ozark singer reported having met a Reverend William Moore who claimed the song was written about him. Such claims can usually be taken with a grain of salt.

#### Willie Moore

KEY: F# CAPO: 2ND PLAY: E







\*As performed: F(E) throughout song as a drone with the five-tone melody in the bass.



- He courted her both day and night,To marry him she did agree,But when they went to get her parents' consent,They said, "This could never be," hmmm, hmmm--.
  - 3. "I love Willie Moore," sweet Annie replied,
    "Better than I love my life,
    And I would rather die than weep here and cry,
    Never to be his wife," hmmm, hmmm, hmmm--.
    - 4. That very same night sweet Anne disappeared,
      They searched the country 'round
      In a little stream by the cabin door,
      The body of sweet Annie was found, hmmm, hmmm--.



Sweet Annie's parents they live all alone, One mourns, the other cries, In a little green mound in front of their door The body of sweet Annie now lies.

Willie Moore scarce spoke that anyone knew, Soon from his friends did part, And the last heard of him was he's in Montreal, Where he died of a broken heart, hmmm, hmmm, hmmm---.

Willie Moore was a king, etc.

Usually the villain of this piece is a 'butcher boy,' and the scene takes place in 'Jersey City.' Despite its localization in America, this ballad traces back to an amalgamation of two British broadsides: "The Squire's Daughter" and "There Is a Tavern in the Town."

Railroad Boy

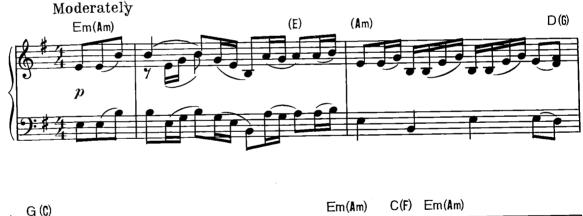
KEY: D MINOR

CAPO: 5TH

PLAY: A MINOR

(LAWS P 24)

- "Oh, mother dear, I cannot tell,
   It's that railroad boy that I love so well,
   He's courted me my life away
   And now at home he will not stay."
- 3. "There is a place in London town,
  Where that railroad boy goes
  and sits him down,
  He takes a strange girl on his knee,
  And he tells to her what he won't tell me."
- Her father, he came home from work,
   Saying, "Where's my daughter,
   she seemed so hurt."
   He went upstairs to give her hope,
   And he found her hanging by a rope.
- 5. He took a knife and he cut her down And on her bosom these words he found:
- 6. "Go dig my grave both wide and deep,
  Put a marble stone at my head and feet,
  And at my breast put a white snow dove,
  To tell the world that I died of love."







Here is another familiar newspaper headline theme: "Jealous Lover Stabs Rival to Death." The broadside of yesteryear was the direct ancestor of today's newspapers, and headline stories have changed little since their earlier publication on English and Irish broadsides. This is a particularly handsome Ohio version of a ballad that should be better known.

KEY: Bb MINOR

CAPO: 6TH

PLAY: E MINOR

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# The Lily of the West

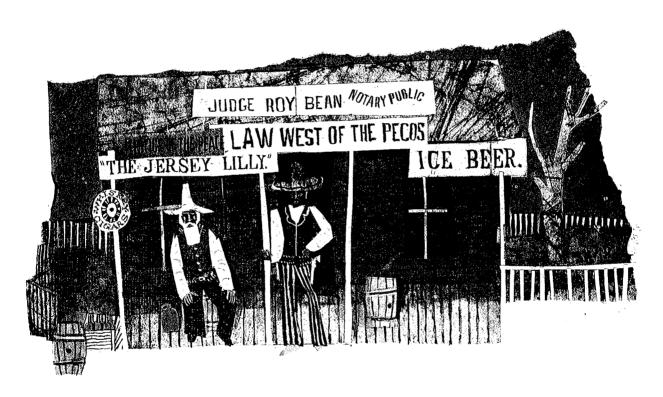




 $^*$ Here, and throughout, the free piano transcription will differ considerably from performance with guitar.



- 2. I courted lovely Flora some pleasure there to find,
  But she turned unto another man which sore distressed my mind.
  She robbed me of my liberty, deprived me of my rest—
  Then go, my lovely Flora, the lily of the West.
  - 3. 'Way down in yonder shady grove, a man of high degree Conversin' with my Flora there, it seemed so strange to me. And the answer that she gave to him it sore did me oppress—I was betrayed by Flora, the lily of the West.



- 4. I stepped up to my rival, my dagger in my hand, I seized him by the collar, and boldly bade him stand. Being mad to desperation I pierced him in the breast—Then go, my lovely Flora, the lily of the West.
  - 5. I had to stand my trial, I had to make my plea,
    They placed me in the criminal box and then commenced on me.
    Although she swore my life away, deprived me of my rest—
    Still I love my faithless Flora, the lily of the West.

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