Lady Fair

Dm G Dm
Fair young maid all in a garden
G Dm
Strange young man, passerby
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He said, “Fair maid will you marry me?”
Gm Dm
This, then sir, was her reply.

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“Oh no, kind sir, I cannot marry thee
For I’ve a love who sails all on the sea,
Though he’s been gone for seven years
Still no man shall marry me.”

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“What if he’s in some battle slain
Or drowned in the deep salt sea?
What if he’s found another love
And he and his love both married be?”

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“If he’s in some battle slain
I will die when the moon doth wane.
If he’s drowned in the deep salt sea
I’ll be true to his memory.

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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.”

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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 Reilly.”
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Lady Fair is part of a long tradition of songs about men testing the fidelity and constancy of their lovers.

The story usually involves a man returning home after serving abroad in the army or navy for several years. He chances upon his wife or lover and because of the long absence, she doesn’t recognise him.

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