

The Blacksmith

Traditional

Dm C Dm C Dm
A blacksmith courted me, nine months and better

Dm C Dm C Dm
He fairly won my heart, wrote me a letter

F G Am Dm Gm
With his hammer in his hand he looked so clever

Dm Em Am Dm C Dm
And if I was with my love I'd live forever

Dm C Dm C Dm
But where is my love gone, with his cheeks like roses?

Dm C Dm C Dm
And his good black billycock on, decked with primroses

F G Am Dm Gm
I'm afraid the scorching sun will shine and burn his beauty

Dm Em Am Dm C Dm
And if I was with my love I'd do my duty

Dm C Dm C Dm
Strange news has come to town, strange news is carried

Dm C Dm C Dm
Strange news flies up and down that my love is married

F G Am Dm Gm
I wish them both much joy though they don't hear me

Dm Em Am Dm C Dm
And may God reward him well for the slighting of me

Dm C Dm C Dm
What did you promise, love, when you sat beside me?

Dm C Dm C Dm
You said you'd marry me and not deny me

F G Am Dm Gm
If I said I'd marry you it was only for to try you

Dm Em Am Dm C Dm
So bring your witness love and I'll ne'er deny you

Dm C Dm C Dm
Oh witness have I none save God Almighty

Dm C Dm C Dm
And He'll reward you well for the slighting of me
F G Am Dm Gm
Her lips grew pale and wan, it made her poor heart tremble,
Dm Em Am Dm C Dm
To think she'd loved the one and he proved deceitful