

Oh, What Has Changed You - song lyrics

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As sung by Fred Stark with great success.

As I was strolling down the street, I heard a mournful cry,
A girl was weeping bitterly, her lover stood close by,
She cried: "Oh! do not leave me," as the tears streamed down her face.
"oh! don't desert me now, " she cried, "you know I'm in disgrace."
Once you said you loved me before I knew a care.
Once you flattered me and kissed my bunny face so fair,
Now you want to cast me off and leave me in my shame;
Oh! don't desert me, cried the girl, and then she did exclaim:

Chorus.

Oh, what has changed you? can you forget
How you once loved me when first we met?
When we were lovers you were my downfall.
Now I am sneered at and jeered at by all.

The poor girl clasped her lover, but he spurned her from his side,
And as some people paused to look, his face he tried to hide;
Come back to me, his sweetheart cried, or else my heart you'll break,
Forgive me what I said just now for my poor baby's sake;
But the man in rage turned round on her. and said now will you go?
Before we had time to stop him, he struck her a cruel blow,
A carriage dashing past just then, beneath the wheels she fell.
And as we picked her up she moaned, how sad I ne'er can tell:

The life's-blood streaming from her face, she lay there in the snow,
She cried go bring my babe to me, one moment ere I go;
And when they brought it to her, she clasped it to her breast.
And prayed: Oh, heaven protect my child when my poor soul's at rest;
And as the man who had caused her woe was standing by her side,
She forgave him all the wrong he had done, kissed her poor child and died:
The stern policeman and the crowd they walked away in tears,
And as I strolled on down the street, these words rang in my ear: