

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

[www.traditionalmusic.co.uk](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk)

## Go and Leave Me

Go and Leave Me

Once I loved with fond affection  
All his thoughts they were of me  
Until a dark girl did persuade him  
Now he thinks no more of me

One hour he's happy with another  
One that has great gold in store  
While I poor girl am left broken-hearted  
I'm left alone because I'm poor

So go and leave me if you wish, love  
Never let me cross your mind  
For if you think I'm so unworthy  
Go and leave me I don't mind

Many's the day, love, with you I've rambled  
Many was the night that with you I've spent  
For I always thought you were mine forever  
But now I know you were only lent

Here's the ring, love, which first you gave me  
When our hearts they were entwined  
Give it to that dark-haired lady  
She'll never know that it once was mine

Many's the night, love, as you lie sleeping  
Dreaming in your sweet repose  
While I young girl lie broken-hearted  
Listening to the wind that blows

Fare thee well friends and kind relations  
Farewell to you, you false young man  
'Tis you that has caused me pain and suffering  
Never to return again

---

recorded by Peta Webb on "Voices. Traditional English Songs" (1992)  
"A love lament heard widely in Britain and Ireland. The chorus comes  
from Suffolk singer Percy Webb and the verses from many singers,  
mainly travellers. Peta says that she likes to bring out the woman's  
scorn for the man who jilts her as well as her pain" - Paul Adams

