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Mrs Marina Russell, Upwey coll. HED Hammond

Down in the West Country

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Down in the W. Country there lived a young couple
A man & a maid so gallant and gay
Longtime they had courted but never talked of marriage
Till at length the young damsel to her true love did say
"Come, come tell to me what is it you do mean
For of courting I am weary, resolved for to marry
Or else from your company I must refrain"

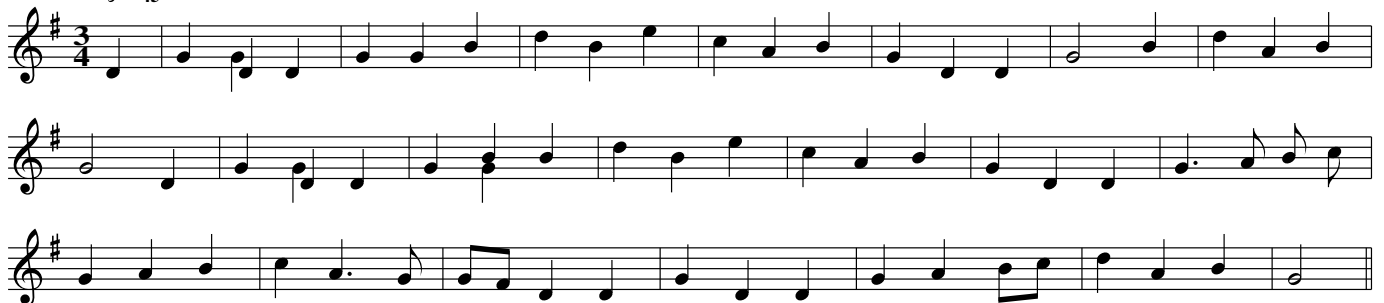
"Oh! Madam, I tell you I do love you dearly
And above all things your company I requite
But before I do leave you, I must tell you plainly
I must forsake your sweet company quite
For when a man's wed, his joys are all fled
He's bound from liberty, tied to all slavery
So I've a mind to go free & not wed"

Then she wrote to her true love a charming rich letter
To come to her wedding on the 19th of June
And that he might do instead of a better
To wait at the table all on the bridegroom.
A few lines he read, his head did quite bleed
His mirth was soon turned to sorrow & mourning
Crying out 'Foolish, I have lost her indeed

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