

The Two Sisters

Child Ballad 10

C F C
There was an old woman lived on the sea shore,
F C Am
Bow and balance to me,
F C
There was an old woman lived on the seashore,
F G7
Her number of daughters one, two, three, four,
C G7 C F C G7 C
And I'll be true to my love, if my love will be true to me.

There was a young man came courtin' them then,
Bow and balance to me,
There was a young man came courtin' them then,
And the oldest one got struck on him,
And I'll be true to my love, if my love will be true to me.

He bought the youngest a beaver hat, . . . etc.
And the oldest one thought hard of that. . . etc.

"O sister, O sister, let's walk the seashore,
And see the ships as they sail o'er."

While these two sisters were walking the shore,
The oldest pushed the youngest o'er.

"O sister, O sister, please lend me your hand,
And you may have Willie and all of his land."

"I never, I never will lend you my hand,
But I'll have Willie and all of his land."

Sometimes she sank and sometimes she swam,
Until she came to the old mill dam.

The miller, he got his fishing hook
And fished the maiden out of the brook.

"O miller, O miller, here's five gold rings,
To push the maiden in again.

The miller received those five gold rings
And pushed the maiden in again.

The sister was hung on the gallows high,
And the miller was burned at the stake nearby.