

Medium waltz ♩ = 124

# Ballad of Big Moose Lake

As sung by Larry Older

Capo 3:

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1. 'Twas a hot, sul - try day in the sum - mer,  
 2. They gath - ered the sweet wa - ter - lil - ies  
 3. But Cu - pid was too strong for Gil - lette;  
 4. As they trav - eled out o - ver the wa - ter,  
 5. He now sleeps in Au - burn's dark pri - son,  
 6. Two moth - ers are wait - ing and pray - ing.

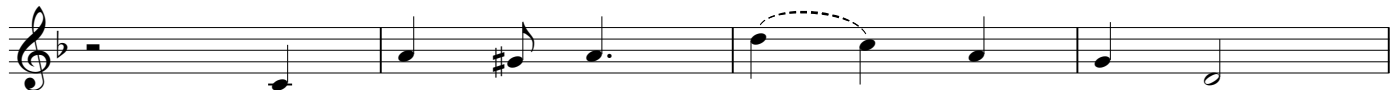
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And the flow - ers were all a - glow.  
 That grew near the shores of Moose Lake.  
 He was play - ing a - gainst his heart.  
 Where no one could hear her last call,  
 And soon will give up his young life  
 One pray - ing that just - ice be done;

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They start - ed out on their va - ca - tion,  
 And no - bod - y thought he'd be guil - ty,  
 And the girl that he once loved so dear - ly,  
 And no - bod - y knows how it hap - pened;  
 That might have been filled with sun - shine  
 The oth - er one pray - ing for mer - cy

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The lakes and the moun - tains to view.  
 The life of the poor girl to take.  
 From her he want - ed to part.  
 On - ly God and Gil - lette know it all.  
 Had he tak - en Grace Brown for his wife.  
 And God to take care of her son.

Older is quite flexible with the rhythms; the natural rhythm of the words seems to be the focus.

\* Sing the F and G on the first verse only; on verse 4, sing two 'C's.