

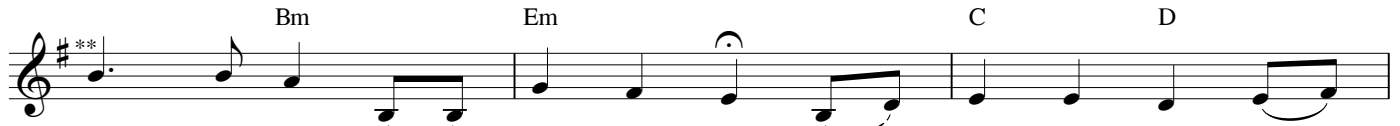
# The Maiden's Lament

As sung by Sara Cleveland

Freely, with breadth ♩ = c. 68



1. Come all you maids, wher-'e'er you be, Who flour - ish in your prime, Be\_\_\_  
 2. For when your thyme is pulled and gone, They care no more for you; There is  
 3. When I was a maid both fair and coy, I flour - ished in my prime, 'Til a  
 4. My par - ents, they were an - gry At my be - ing led a - stray, But there's  
 5. The gar - d'ner's son being stand - ing by, Three gifts he gave to me. The\_\_\_



wise, be - ware; keep your gar - den clear; Let\_\_\_ no man steal your\_\_\_  
 not a place your\_\_\_ thyme goes waste, But it spreads all o'er with\_\_\_  
 prop - er, tall\_\_\_ young man came and He\_\_\_ stole this heart of\_\_\_  
 man - y a dark\_\_\_ and cloud - y morn Brings\_\_\_ forth a pleas - ant\_\_\_  
 bit - ter\_\_\_ rue,\_\_\_ the vi - o - let blue, And the red rose, it was\_\_\_



thyme;\_\_\_ Let\_\_\_ no man steal your\_\_\_ thyme.  
 rue,\_\_\_ It\_\_\_ spreads all o'er with\_\_\_ rue.  
 mine,\_\_\_ He\_\_\_ stole this heart of\_\_\_ mine.  
 day,\_\_\_ Brings\_\_\_ forth a pleas - ant\_\_\_ day.  
 three,\_\_\_ And the red rose, it was\_\_\_ three.

6. Now, I'll cut off the red rose top,  
 And I'll plant on the willow tree,  
 That this whole world will plainly see  
 How my love slighted me,  
 How my love slighted me.

7. The begotten virgins they must live,  
 Although they live in pain,  
 And the grass that is mown on yonder hill  
 Through time it will bloom again,  
 Through time it will bloom again.

8. There are fine boats sailing here, my dear,  
 And more on the river thine;  
 But for me to be held in the arms of my love,  
 And for him to be held in mine,  
 And for him to be held in mine.

\*In the first verse, Cleveland sings this rhytm as eighth/dotted quarter;  
 the other verses are sung as written, except vs. 4 (two quarters), and vss. 6 & 8 (quarter/two eighths).

\*\*Vs. 4: eighth/quarter/eighth; vs. 5: eighth/dotted quarter; vs. 6: quarter quarter; vss. 7 & 8: quarter/eighth/eighth.