

Flora

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1. When first I came to Louisville my fortune there to find

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I met a fair young maiden there her beauty filled my mind

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her rosy cheek her ruby lips they gave my heart no rest

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the name she bore was Flora the lily of the west.

2. I courted lovely Flora she promised ne'er to go
but soon a tale was told to me that filled my heart with woe
they said she meets another man who holds my love in jest
and yet I trusted Flora the lily of the west.

3. 'Way down in yonder shady grove a man of low degree
he spoke unto my Flora there and kissed her 'neath a tree
the answers that she gave to him like arrows pierced my brea-
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I was betrayed by Flora the lily of the west.

4. I stepped up to my rival my dagger in my hand
I seized him by the collar and I ordered him to stand
all in my desperation I stabbed him in his breast
I'd killed a man for Flora the lily of the west.

5. And then I had to stand my trial I had to make my plea
they placed me in a pris'ner's dock and then commended on me
although she swore my life away deprived me of my rest
still I love my faithless Flora the lily of the west.