

Peggy Adler's Lament

The fair, young Peggy Adler loved handsome James Lee

She said to her father, "Lee's bride I shall be."

"My daughter," cried her father, "this cannot be done.

"Unknown to your mother, James Lee is my son."

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So softly Peggy Adler bid James Lee farewell

And bending her head into sadness she fell

Then winsome Billy Watson asked Peggy to wed

She went to her father and to her he said

"Again I must confess, dear, I fathered that man."

In deepest despair to her mother she ran

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"My Peggy," cried her mother, "no need love to lose.

"That man's not your father, wed which one you choose."