

Dark Eyed Sailor

Words & tune Traditional, **arranged by** Sarah Morgan

(*Fair Phoebe and Her Dark Eyed Sailor* was collected by George Gardiner from Frank Harrington of Bartley, Hampshire in December 1908.)

These are suggestions only:

1. It's of a comely young lady fair
Was walking out for to take the air
She met a sailor upon the way, so I paid attention,
So I paid attention to what they had to say.

Sopranos only on first 2 lines

Add Alto and Bass

Add Tenors
2. Said William, 'Lady, why walk alone,
The night is dark and the daylight gone.'
Said she while tears from her eyes did fall, 'It's my dark eyed sailor,
It's my dark eyed sailor who's prov-ed my downfall'

Men in unison on first 2 lines

Women in unison on next 2 lines
3. 'It's seven long years since he left the land,
He took a gold ring from off his hand,
Broke it in twain and gave half to me, and the other half's rolling,
And the other half's rolling at the bottom of the sea.'

Women in 3-part harmony
4. 'Oh lady, drive him from off your mind,
Another sailor as good you'll find,
Love turns aside and soon cold doth grow like a winter's morning
Like a winter's morning when the ground is white with snow.'

Men in unison
5. These words did Phoebe's fond heart inflame,
Said she 'With me you shall play no game'
She drew a dagger and aloud did cry, 'For my dark eyed sailor,
For my dark eyed sailor, a maid I'll live and die.'

Women in 3-part harmony
6. Then William half the of the ring did show
She stood distracted 'tween joy and woe
'Oh welcome William, I've lands and gold for my dark eyed sailor,
For my dark eyed sailor, so manly true and bold.

All parts for last 2 verses
7. Now in a village down by the sea
They joined in wedlock and well agree.
So maids be true when your love's away, for a cloudy morning,
For a cloudy morning oft brings a sunshine day.