

GB/6a/1 All Round My Hat Version 1 of 3

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Key signature of G in MS is here changed to C (G Mixolydian) to eliminate accidentals. The tune is unaltered.

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5 tell you how young Phoe - be ac - cused young Wil - liam wrong. She
9 said he had de - ceived her, it sad - ly seemed to grieve her;
13 Left a - lone one eve - ning she sang a mourn - ful song.

1. Come all you young people, and listen to my ditty,
I'll tell you how young Phoebe accused young William wrong;
She said he had deceived her, it sadly seemed to grieve her.
Left alone one evening she sang a mournful song.
2. "Young men are false, they are so deceitful,
"Young men are false, they seldom do prove true;
"Rambling and ranging, their minds are always changing,
"They are always seeking for some young girl that's new.
3. "Many a long hour have I spent in courting,
"Many a long hour have I spent in vain;
"But since it is my fortune that I must die a maiden,
"Never will I ramble so far, far again.
4. "O if I had but my own heart to keep it,
"O if I had but my own heart again,
"How closely in my bosom I would lock it up for ever,
"And never would I ramble so far, far again.
5. "All round my hat I will wear the green willow,
"All round my hat for twelve months and a day;
"If anyone should ask me the reason why I wear it,
"I will tell them that my true love is far, far away."
6. "O Phoebe, O Phoebe, since for me you have lamented,
"You will find in the end you'll have no cause to rue;
"For since I've found you faithful, come make yourself contented,
"For all that I said was to try if you was true."
7. Now William and Phoebe in wedlock are united,
They live in a cottage down by the riverside;
Let us hope that their comfort and peace will ne'er be blighted,
Young lovers take example by William and his bride.