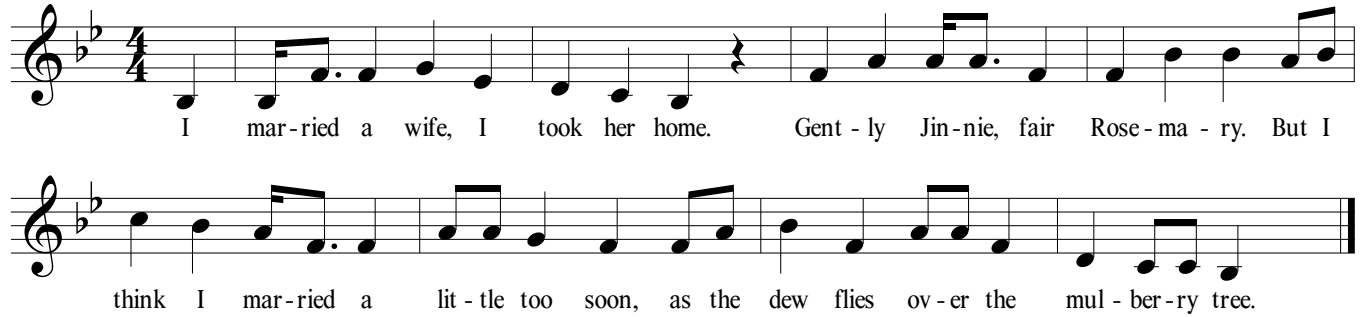


Gently, Jinnie, Fair Rosemary



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

I mar-ried a wife, I took her home. Gent - ly Jin-nie, fair Rose - ma - ry. But I
think I mar-ried a lit - tle too soon, as the dew flies ov - er the mul - ber-ry tree.

My wife would neither card nor spin,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
She was afraid of soiling her delicate skin
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

My wife would neither bake nor brew,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
She was afraid of soiling her high heeled shoe
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

When I came in from holding the plow,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
I said, "Dear wife, is my dinner ready now?"
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

"There is some cold johnny bread on the shelf."
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
"If you want any more you can get it yourself."
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

I went straightway unto my field,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
I cut two little willows so green
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

I went straightway unto my barn,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
And there I took my old sheepskin down,
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

I placed the sheepskin on her back,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
And the two little twigs went whickety-whack
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

Gently, Jinnie, Fair Rosemary

“Go tell your friends, go tell your kin,”
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
“I was only tanning my old sheepskin.”
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

Now when I come in from holding the plow,
Gently Jinnie, fair Rosemary;
It is, “Yes sir, and no sir, and how do you do?”
As the dew flies over the mulberry tree.

Note: One day nearly sixty years ago my cousin Bessie Long, then a very young girl, went into the house of a neighbor to take shelter from the rain. A young man by the name of Davidson was also there and he sang this song, which my cousin learned.