On Top of Old Smoky

Kentucky Mountain Folksong





Well, a-courting's a pleasure, And parting is grief. But a false-hearted lover Is worse than a thief.

5. They'll hug you and kiss you And tell you more lies Than the cross-ties on the railroad, Or the stars in the skies.

Additional Lyrics

- A thief he will rob you And take all you have, But a false-hearted lover Will send you to your grave.
- 6. They'll tell you they love you, Just to give your heart ease.But the minute your back's turned, They'll court whom they please.
- For the leaves they will wither And the roots they will die. And your true love will leave you, And you'll never know why.

- 4. And the grave will decay you And turn you to dust. And where is the young man A poor girl can trust?
- So come all you young maidens And listen to me, Never place your affection On a green willow tree.