

## Come All Ye Fair And Tender Maidens

Joan Baez

Come all ye fair and tender ladies.  
Be careful how you court young men.  
They're like a star on a summer's morning.  
They'll first appear and then they're gone.

They'll tell you some loving story  
They'll declare to you their love is true  
Then they will go and court some other  
And that's the love they have for you

Do you remember our days of courting  
When your head lay upon my breast  
You could make me believe with falling of your arm  
That the sun rose in the West

I wish I was a little sparrow,  
And I had wings with which to fly  
Right over to see my false true-lover,  
And when he's talking I'd be nigh.

But I'm not a little sparrow,  
I have no wings with which to fly  
So I sit here in grief and sorrow,  
To weep and pass my troubles by.

If I had known before I courted  
that love was such a killing thing  
I'd a-locked my heart in a box of golden  
and fastened it up with a silver pin.