

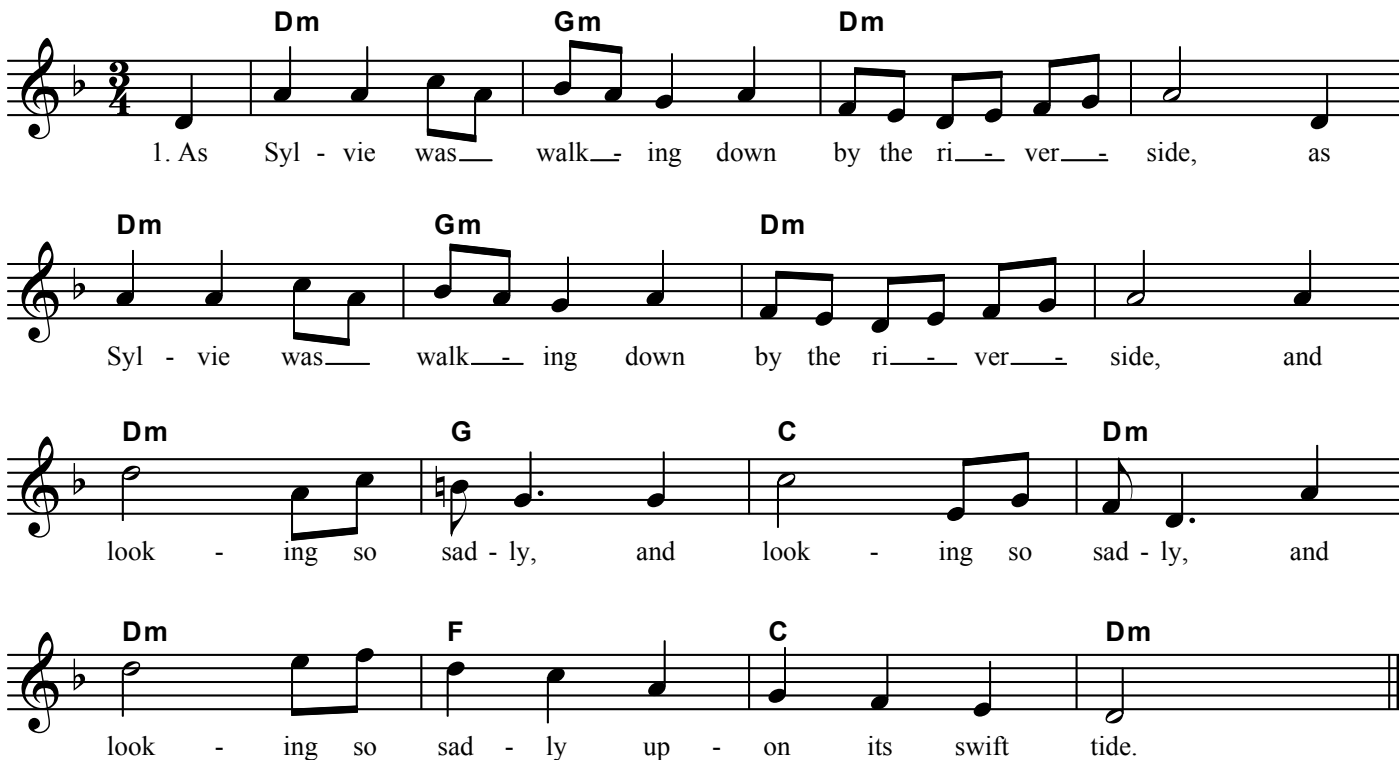
# As Sylvie Was Walking

England, Australia

earliest date: 1911 / Ballad Index: "The song was collected from an 80-year old woman in Australia in 1911.

She had emigrated in 1855, and had learned the song in her native Gloucestershire, so [it must have been in existence by 1855]."

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1. As Syl - vie was walk - ing down by the ri - ver side, as  
Syl - vie was walk - ing down by the ri - ver side, and  
look - ing so sad - ly, and look - ing so sad - ly, and  
look - ing so sad - ly up - on its swift tide.

2. She thought on the lover that left her in pride,  
she thought on the lover that left her in pride,  
on the banks of the meadow, on the banks of the meadow,  
on the banks of the meadow she sat down and cried.
3. "I once had a sweetheart and now I have none,  
I once had a sweetheart and now I have none.  
He's a-gone and he's left me, he's a-gone and he's left me,  
he's a-gone and he's left me in sorrow to mourn."
4. "One night in sweet slumber, I dreamed that I see,  
one night in sweet slumber, I dreamed that I see,  
my own dearest true love, my own dearest true love,  
my own dearest true love come smiling to me."
5. "But when I awoke and I found it not so,  
but when I awoke and I found it not so,  
mine eyes were like fountains, mine eyes were like fountains,  
mine eyes were like fountains where the water doth flow."
6. "I'll spread sail of silver and I'll steer towards the sun.  
I'll spread sail of silver and I'll steer towards the sun,  
and my false love will weep, and my false love will weep,  
and my false love will weep for me after I'm gone."