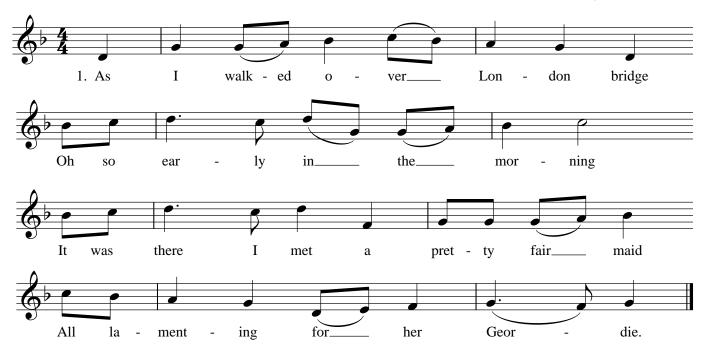
## Geordie

Informant/Performer: Mr. Nathan Hatt Middle River, Nova Scotia, 1952 Source: Helen Creighton Maritime Folk Songs

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- 2. "What has he done? Who has he killed? Has he murdered anybody?""No, he stole five pearls from the royal king And he sold them in a hurry.
- 3. "Go bring to me my riding steed, Go saddle up my pony. Five hundred pounds I will lay down All to plead for the life of Geordie.
- 4. "We will have him hung with a golden chain. Such a chain there is not many, We will have him buried with the same For the likes and life of Geordie."

- 5. The judge looked over his right shoulder. It was words he didn't say many, "Repair (prepare) yourself for death, young man, For it's mercy you shan't have any."
- 6. The judge looked over his left shoulder, It was words he didn't say many, "I'm afeard you came too late, fair maid, For your loved one is judged already."
- 7. "O if I had my Geordie on yonders plain It would be kisses I'd have many, With a sword and pistol by my side I'll die for the life of Geordie."

## **Background Information**

The usual 3 gold rings or 3 geldings stolen have here become 5 pearls; an earlier singer probably said from the royal ring instead of king as above.