

# The Deaf Woman's Courtship

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Cecil J. Sharp  
*English Folk Songs from the Southern Appalachians*  
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Old wo - man, old wo - man, are you fond of smok - ing?

Speak a lit - tle loud - er, Sir, I'm ra - ther hard of hear - ing.

2. Old woman, old woman, are you fond of carding?  
Speak a little louder, sir, I'm rather hard of hearing.
3. Old woman, old woman, don't you want me to court you?  
Speak a little louder, sir, I just begin to hear you.
4. Old woman, old woman, don't you want to marry me?  
Lord have mercy on my soul, I think now I hear you.