

**LILY OF THE WEST**

Arrangement by Joan Baez

Am C G  
WHEN FIRST I CAME TO LOUISVILLE  
F Am  
SOME PLEASURE THERE TO FIND  
C F G  
A DAMSEL THERE FROM LEXINGTON  
F Am  
WAS PLEASING TO MY MIND  
F G  
HER ROSY CHEEKS, HER RUBY LIPS  
Am  
LIKE ARROWS PIERCED MY BREAST  
C G  
AND THE NAME SHE BORE WAS FLORA  
C Am  
THE LILY OF THE WEST

I COURTED LOVELY FLORA  
SOME PLEASURE THERE TO FIND  
SHE TURNED UNTO ANOTHER MAN  
WHICH SORE DISTRESSED MY MIND  
SHE ROBBED ME OF MY LIBERTY  
DEPRIVED ME OF MY REST  
STILL I LOVE MY FAITHLESS FLORA  
THE LILY OF THE WEST

DOWN IN YONDER SHADY GROVE  
A MAN OF LOWLY BREED  
CONVERSING WITH MY FLORA THERE  
IT SEEMED SO STRANGE TO ME  
AND THE ANSWER THAT SHE GAVE TO HIM  
IT SURE DID ME OPPRESS  
I WAS BETRAYED BY FLORA  
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I STEPPED UP TO MY RIVAL  
MY DAGGER IN MY HAND  
I GRABBED HIM BY THE COLLAR AND  
I BOLDLY MADE HIM STAND  
BEING MAD TO DESPERATION  
I PIERCED HIM IN THE BREAST  
ALL FOR MY LOVELY FLORA  
THE LILY OF THE WEST

I HAD TO STAND MY TRIAL I HAD TO MAKE MY PLEA  
THEY PLACED ME IN THE CRIMINAL BOX AND THEN COMMENCED ON ME  
ALTHOUGH SHE SWORE MY LIFE AWAY DEPRIVED ME OF MY REST  
AND I (STILL) LOVE MY FAITHLESS FLORA THE LILY OF THE WEST

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