Berlin Irving "Don't Take Your Beau To The Seashore"

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[Words and music by E. Ray Goetz and Irving Berlin] [Introduced by female impersonator Julian Eltinge]

[1st verse:]

Mother often said to me, "Someday a beauty fair You may, or may not grow to be, in any case beware Beside a fellow's side, a gown your faults will always hide

But not beside a fellow's side, beside the ocean side He's there when you go in without a doubt He's liable to be gone when you come out

[chorus:]

Don't take your beau to the seashore
When bathing, don't take your beau to the shore
For bathing suits reveal what petticoats conceal
And if there's a slight defection
You will never stand inspection
When you go down to the seashore
Take my advice and you won't go wrong
Girls, when you go, if you've nothing to show
Don't take your beau along

[2nd verse:]

Mother knew a thing or two, she told me father dear Had never seen her bathing, that's the reason I am here

An ankle should be covered good until the show'r of rice

And even then it's none too safe to show it more than twice

Although we know that love is blind, be wise! A bathing suit may open up his eyes

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