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"Flora, the Lily of the West"

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When I first came to Louisville, my fortune there to find
There was a maiden there from Lexington, was
pleasing to my mind
Her rosy cheeks, her ruby lips like arrows pierced my
breast
And the name she bore was Flora, the lily of the west

Well I courted lovely Flora, some pleasure there to find
But she turned unto another man, which sore
distressed my mind
She robbed me of my liberty, deprived me of the rest
Then go my lovely Flora, the lily of the west

It was down in yonder shady grove, with a man of high
degree
Conversing with my Flora there, and it seemed so
strange to me
The answer that she gave to him sore did my heart
oppress
I was betrayed by Flora, the lily of the west
I stepped up to my rival, my dagger in my hand
I seized him by the collar and boldly bade him stand
Being mad to desperation, I pierced him in the breast
It was all for the love of Flora, the lily of the west

I had to stand my trial, I had to make my plea
They put me in the criminal box and then commenced
on me
Although she stole my life away, deprived me of the
rest
Still I love my faithless Flora, the lily of the west

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