

## DEAR COMPANION (traditional North Carolina)

*A classic mountain song of lost love.*

I once did have a dear companion,  
Indeed I thought his love my own  
Until a dark-eyed girl betrayed me  
And now he cares no more for me

Just go and leave me if you wish to  
It will never trouble me  
For in your heart you love another  
And in my grave I would rather be

Last night you were sweetly sleeping  
Dreaming in some sweet repose  
While I, a poor girl, broken hearted  
Listen to the wind that blows

When I see your babe a-laughing  
It makes me think of your sweet face  
But when I see your babe a-crying  
It makes me think of my disgrace

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*Cecil Sharp & Maud Karpeles collected this song from Mrs. Rosie Hensley at Carmen, North Carolina. I found the first four verses in Sharp & Carpel's 80 **Appalachian Folk Songs** and the Council of the Southern Mountains' **Songs of All Time**. When I sing it I repeat the second verse, to me the most powerful, at the end.*

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