1. Well, I wish I was in London, or some other seaport town,
I'd set my foot on a steamboat, and sail the ocean 'round.

*chorus:* Sailing 'round the ocean, sailing 'cross the sea,
I'll think of Handsome Molly, wherever she may be.

2. Her hair as black as a raven's, her eyes were black as coal,
Her teeth shone like lilies, out in the morning cold.

*chorus:

3. I saw her in church on Sunday, she passed me on by,
I knew her mind was changin', by the roving of her eye.

*chorus:

4. Don't you remember, Molly, you gave me your right hand?
You said if you ever married, that I would be your man.

5. But now you broke your promise, go marry whom you please,
While my poor heart is breaking, you're lying at your ease.

*chorus:

6. I go down to the river, though everyone's asleep,
I think of handsome Molly, and I begin to weep.

*chorus:*