

Oh, No, John

guitar and recorder

Traditional Somerset

1. On yon-der hill there stands a creature. Who she is I do not know.

5 I'll go and court her for her beau-ty. She must an - swer 'yes' or 'no.'

9 'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

2.
Madam, in your face is beauty;
On your lips red roses grow.
Will you take me for your lover?
Madam, answer 'yes' or 'no.'
'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

3.
Madam, I will give thee jewels;
I will make thee rich and free.
I will give thee robes of satin.
Madam, will you marry me?
'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

4.
Madam, since you are so cruel.
And since you do scorn me so.
If I may not be your lover,
Madam, will you let me go?
'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

5.
'My father was a Spanish captain:
Went to sea a year ago.
First he kissed me, then he left me,
Bid me always answer 'no.'
So, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

6.
Then I'll stay with you forever,
If you will not be unkind.
Madam, I have vowed to love you.
Would you have me change my mind?
'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'

7.
Hark, I hear the church bells ringing.
Will you come and be my wife?
Or, dear madam, have you settled
To live single all your life?
'Oh, no, John. No, John. No, John, no!'