

East Virginia Blues

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Key: D

I was born _____ in East Vir - gin - ia, _____ North Car - o -

lin - a I did go; There I spied _____ a fair young

la - dy, _____ And _____ her name _____ I did not know.

2. Her hair was dark in color,
Her cheeks were rosy red;
Upon her breast she wore white lilies,
Where I longed to lay my head.
3. Oh, in my heart you are my darling,
At my door you're welcome in;
At my gate I'll always meet you,
For you're the girl I tried to win.
4. Oh Molly, dear, go ask your mother,
My loving bride you'll forever be;
If she says no, come back and tell me,
And I will run away with thee.
5. I'll go back to East Virginia,
North Carolina ain't my home;
I'll go back to East Virginia,
Leave old North Carolina alone.
6. The ocean's deep and I can't wade it,
And I have no wings to fly;
I'll just get some blue-eyed boatman,
To row me over the tide.
7. I'd rather be in some dark holler,
Where the sun don't ever shine;
Than for you to be another man's darling,
When you promised to be mine.