

# I NEVER WILL MARRY (LAWS K17)

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Ballad; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Carter Family-1933; Blue Sky Boys; Flatt & Scruggs & the Foggy Mountain Boys; Joan Baez; Kossoy Sisters; Hank Snow and Anita Carter. **OTHER NAMES:** I'll Never Marry (Country Gentlemen); **NOTES:** This ballad is also known as "Down by the Seashore" and "The Shells of the Ocean."

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "They say that love's a gen - tle thing but it's on - ly brought me pain for the on - ly girl I ev - er lost has gone on the morn - ing train I nev - er will mar - ry I'll take me no wife I ex - pect to live sin - gle all the days of my life." The chords are: G, D, G, C, D, G, Em, Am, D, G, D, G, C, G, D, G.

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G D G C D G  
They say that love's a gentle thing, But it's only brought me pain  
C D Em Am D G  
For the only girl I ever lost, Has gone on the morning train.  
D G C  
I never will marry, I'll take me no wife  
G D G  
I expect to live single, All the days of my life.

The train pulled out and the whistle blew, With a long and a lonesome mourn  
She's gone, she's gone like the morning dew, And left me all alone.

Well there's many a change in the winter wind, And a change in the clouds design  
There's many a change in a young girl's heart, But never a change in mine.