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Intro: C G F Dm G C
                  G C
                             F
It was on one Monday morning and oh and it was soon
              C F
I bought my pretty Betty a pair of new shoes
                     F
          G C
A pair of new shoes and slippers also
                  G F
                         Dm G
But I lost my pretty Betty by courting too slow
              G F
                       G
I lost my pretty Betty by courting too slow
                 G C F G
I bought my pretty Betty a garland of green
                       F
                 С
And ribbons that you wear so fair to be s e e n
               G C
                          F
And rings for her fingers all made of glittering gold
                  G F
                         Dm G C G
But I lost my pretty Betty by not being bold
               G F
                       G
I lost my pretty Betty by not being bold
                                                      break instrumental verse
                   G C
                              F
It was on one Tuesday evening and oh and it was late
I fain would have kissed her but I was too straight
                   G C
                              F
I was thinking how to gain her consent to be true
            G F Dm G C G
But I lost my pretty Betty by courting too slow
               G F
I lost my pretty Betty by courting too slow
G C
                     С
                                  G C
For in there come a sailor' all in his tarry shoes
            С
                         F
He went into the chamber where my true love w a s
                 G C
He kissed her and he flattered her, he flattered her so o o
             G F Dm G
He fair won the day' by my courting too slow
              G F
He fair won the day' by my courting too slow
                                                     break instrumental verse
                   G C
                           F
So come all you bold fellows and pray take my advice
                            F
And when you go a-courting now don't you be too n i c e
                   G
                         С
But you kiss all them pretty girls and you let them for to know
                   G
                        F
                               Dm G
That you don't mean to lose them by courting too s l o w
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That you don't mean to lose them by courting too slow

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