

*LILY OF THE WEST*

**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I JUST CAME DOWN FROM LOUISVILLE, SOME PLEASURE FOR TO FIND  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
A HANDSOME GIRL FROM LEXINGTON, SO PLEASING TO MY MIND  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
HER HAIR WAS LAID IN DIAMONDS AND A STAR UPON HER BREAST  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
THEY CALLED HER HANDSOME MARY THE LILY OF THE WEST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I COURTED HER FOR MANY A DAY, I THOUGHT HER LOVE TO GAIN  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
TOO SOON, TOO SOON SHE SLIGHTED ME, WHICH CAUSED ME GRIEF AND PAIN.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
SHE ROBBED ME OF MY LIBERTY, DEPRIVED ME OF MY REST,  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
BUT STILL I LOVED MY MARY, THE LILY OF THE WEST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
AS I WALKED OUT ONE EVENING DOWN IN YON SHADY GROVE  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I SAW A LORD OF HIGH DEGREE CONVERSING WITH MY LOVE.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
HE SANG, HE SANG SO MERRILY, WHILE I WAS SORE DISTRESSED;  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
HE SANG FOR HANDSOME MARY, THE LILY OF THE WEST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I RUSHED UP TO MY RIVAL, A DAGGER IN MY HAND.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I CAUGHT HIM BY THE COLLAR AND BOLDLY MADE HIM STAND  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
BEING MAD TO DESPERATION, MY DAGGER PIERCED HIS BREAST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I WAS BETRAYED BY MARY, THE LILY OF THE WEST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
AND NOW MY TRIAL HAS COME OFF, AND SENTENCED SOON I'LL BE  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
THEY PUT ME IN THE CRIMINAL BOX AND THERE CONVICTED ME.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
SHE SO DECEIVED THE JURY, SO MODESTLY DID DRESS,  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
SHE FAR OUTSHONE BRIGHT VENUS, THE LILY OF THE WEST.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
SINCE THEN I'VE GAINED MY LIBERTY, I'LL ROAM THE COUNTRY THROUGH.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
I'LL TRAVEL THE CITIES OVER AND FIND MY LOVED ONE TRUE.  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
THOUGH SHE ROBBED ME OF MY LIBERTY, DEPRIVED ME OF MY REST  
**Am** **C** **F** **Am**  
STILL I LOVE MY MARY, THE LILY OF THE WEST.

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