

Sailor on the Deep Blue Sea

Carter Family



1. It was on one summer's evening
Just about the hour of three,
When my darling started to leave me
To sail upon the deep blue sea.
2. Oh, he promised to write me a letter,
He said that he'd write to me,
But I've not heard from my darling
Since he sailed upon the deep blue sea.
3. Oh, my mother is dead and buried,
My pa's forsaken me,
And I have no one for to love me
But the sailor on the deep blue sea.
4. Oh Captain, can you tell me,
Where can my sailor be?
Oh yes, my little maiden,
He is drowned in the deep blue sea.
5. Farewell to friends and relations,
It's the last you'll see of me,
I am going to end my troubles
By drowning in the deep blue sea.

"Sailor on the Deep Blue Sea" was recorded by the Carter Family on May 10, 1928. It was recorded from Gladys McCarty by Vance Randolph at Farmington, Arkansas in December 1941.

It was also recorded by The New Lost City Ramblers, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs and The Foggy Mountain Boys and Maybelle Carter (solo).

Other songs sung by the Carter Family in this collection are:

"The Cannonball",
"Gold Watch and Chain" and
"The Storms Are On the Ocean".