

# Fair and Tender Ladies

## The Rankin Family

Come all ye fair and tender ladies  
Take warning how you court your men  
They're like a star on a cloudy morning  
First they'll appear and then they're gone

They'll tell to you some loving story  
They'll swear to you their love is true  
Straight way they'll go and court another  
And that's the love that they had for you

Oh don't you remember our days of courting  
You told me that you would love me the best  
You could make me believe by the fall of your eyes  
That the sun rose in the west

If I had known before I courted  
That love was such a killing thing  
I'd lock my heart in a box of golden  
And fasten it with a silver pin

I wish I was a little sparrow  
And I had wings and I could fly  
I'd fly right home to my false true lover  
And when he'd ask, I would deny

But I am not some little sparrow  
I've no wings and I can't fly  
So I'll stay right here with my grief and sorrow  
And let my life pass me by

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