

Traditional Lyrics for "Frankie and Johnny"

Frankie and Johnny were lovers
O Lordy, how they could love
They swore to be true to each other
Just as true as the stars above
He was her man but he done her wrong

Frankie and Johnny went walking
Johnny had a brand new suit
Frankie paid a hundred dollars
Just to make her man look cute
He was her man but he done her wrong

Johnny said, "I've got to leave you, But I won't be very long
Don't you wait up for me, honey, Nor worry while I'm gone."
He was her man but he done her wrong

Frankie went down to the corner, Stopped in to buy her some beer
Says to the fat bartender, "Has my Johnny man been here?"
He was her man but he done her wrong

Well, I ain't going to tell you no story, Ain't going to tell you no lie
Johnny went by 'bout an hour ago, With a girl named Nellie Bly
He is your man but he's doing you wrong

Frankie went home in a hurry, She didn't go there for fun
She hurried home to get ahold, Of Johnny's shootin' gun
He was her man but he's doing her wrong

Frankie took a cab, at the corner, Says, driver step on this cab
She was just a desperate woman, Gettin' two-timed by her man
He was her man but he's doin' her wrong

Frankie got out at south Clark Street, Looked in a window, so high
Saw Johnny, man, a lovin' up, That high-brow Nellie Bly
He was her man but he done her wrong

Johnny saw Frankie a-comin', Out the back door he did scoot
But Frankie took aim with her pistol, And the gun went roota-toot-toot
He was her man but he done her wrong

O, roll me over so easy, Roll me over so slow
Roll me over easy boys, Cause my wounds they hurt me so
I was her man but I done her wrong

Bring out your long black coffin, Bring out your funeral clothes
Johnny's gone an' cashed his checks, To the graveyard, Johnny goes
He was her man but he done her wrong

Drive out your rubber tired carriage, Drive out your rubber tired hack
There's twelve men going to the graveyard, But eleven comin' back
He was her man but he done her wrong

The sheriff arrested poor Frankie, He took her to jail the same day
He locked her up in the dungeon cell, And he threw th key away
He was her man but he done her wrong