

WILDWOOD FLOWER

Wildwood Flower, written in 1860 by Maud Irving and J.P. Webster as *I'll Twine 'Mid the Ringlets*, has remained so popular in country music as to qualify for the title of the "Hillbilly National Anthem." It was first recorded by the Carter Family in Camden, New Jersey on May 10, 1928.

MAUD IRVING and
J. D. WEBSTER

Painfully

1. I'll — twine 'mid the ring - lets of ra - ven black hair; — The —
li - lies so pale and the ro - ses so fair. — The — myr - tle so bright with an
em - er - ald hue, And the pale a - ron - a - tus with eyes of bright blue.

EAST VIRGINIA

East Virginia goes back to the settlement of Virginia in the early seventeenth century. Cecil Sharp collected a version of it entitled *In Old Virginia* in Harlan County, Kentucky, in 1917, but it was first recorded by Clarence Ashley under the title *Dark Holler Blues* for

Traditional

Mournfully

1. I was born — in East Vir - gin - ia, — North Car - o - li - na I did go; There I
court - ed a fair young la - dy, — But her age — I did not know.

2. Her hair was dark in color
And her cheeks were rosy red;
On her breast she wore white lilies
And the tears for her I shed.

3. Papa says I must not marry
Mama says it'll never do
But little girl if you are willing,
I will run away with you.

4. I'd rather be in some dark hollar
Where the sun don't never shine,
For you to be some other man's darling
And to know you'll never be mine.

OLD JOE CLARK

Legend has it that Old Joe Clark was a crusty old timer who was always into some kind of tomfoolery. It is likely that he is the most well-known character in country music and there is scarcely a fiddler who can't saw out a rendition of it. The verses about the escapades of

Traditional

Full tilt

1. Wished I had a nick-el, Wished I had a dime. Wished I had a pret-ty girl to kiss and call her mine.
Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark, fare thee well, I say. Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark, I'm a - goin' a - way.

2. I will not marry an old maid
I'll tell you the reason why.
Her neck is so long and stringy
I'm afraid she'll never die. *Chorus:*

3. I asked my girl to marry me
And what do you think she said.
Time enough to marry you
When all the rest are dead. *Chorus:*

4. Old Joe Clark did take sick
And what do you think ailed him.
He drank a churn of buttermilk
And then his stomach failed him. *Chorus:*