

FAIR PHOEBE

The usual title is The Dark eyed Sailor. The following text (1)
collected by Fred Hamer is more or less the same as those
published on broadsheets by Catnach and Such except the line
in the Hamer version 'So I made attention' is a corruption
of 'I paid attention'. This shows how easily a song can be
changed. It is interesting to note that Vaughan Williams or
Mrs Horsnell seem to have missed a part of the first verse.
He also noted against the title 'I will get the words of
these songs', obviously meaning to return for the complete
texts.

'Twas of a comely young maiden fair
Who was a walking
She met a sailor on the way
So I paid attention
So I paid attention to what she did say

Fair Phebe

Twas of a comely young maiden fair who was a walk ing
she met a sail or on the way so I paid attention
so I paid at-ten-tion to what she did say

(1) Green Groves Fred Hamer