

# East Virginia Blues (G)

## Traditional

**G** **C** **G**  
I was born in East Virginia, North Carolina I did go  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
There I met a fair young maiden, and her name I did not know.

**G** **C** **G**  
Oh, her hair was dark and curly, and her cheeks were rosy red  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
On her breast she wore white lilies, where I longed to lay my head.

**G** **C** **G**  
Molly dear, go ask your mother, if you my bride might ever be  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
If she says, "No", come back and tell me, and I'll run away with thee.

**G** **C** **G**  
No, I'll not go and ask my mother, for she lies on her bed of rest  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
In her hand she holds a dagger, to kill the man that I love best.

**G** **C** **G**  
The ocean's deep and I can't wade it, and I have no wings to fly  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
I'll just get a blue-eyed boatman, for to row me o'er the tide

**G** **C** **G**  
I don't want your green back dollar, I don't want your watch and chain  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
All I want is you my darling, say you'll take me back again.

**G** **C** **G**  
I'll go back to East Virginia, North Carolina ain't my home  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
I'll go back to East Virginia, leave old North Carolina 'lone.

**G** **C** **G**  
For you know I'd like to see you, at my door you're welcome in  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
At my gate I'll always greet you, for you're the girl I tried to win.