

East Virginia Blues

traditional (Carter family lyrics in major mode, Joan Baez lyrics in minor mode)

Key of E

1. I was born in East Vir - gin - ia, North Caro - li -
 2. Oh, her hair was dark and cur - ly, And her cheeks
 3. Mol - ly dear, go ask your moth - er, If you my bride

na I did go, There I met a fair young
 were ros - y red, On her breast she wore white
 might e - ver be, If she says no, come back and

ma - id - en, Though her age, I did not know,
 lin - en, Where I longed to lay my head,
 tell me, And I'll run a - way with thee.

E E E E
 I was born in East Virginia
 A A E E
 North Carolina I did go
 A A E E
 There I courted a fair young maiden
 B7 B7 E E
 But her age I did not know

Oh her hair was dark and curly
 And her cheeks were rosy red
 On her breast she wore a lilly
 Where I longed to lay my head

Molly dear, go ask your mother
 If you my bride might ever be
 If she says no, come back and tell me
 And I'll run away with thee

No I'll not go ask my mother
 Where she lies on her bed of rest
 In her hand she holds a dagger
 To kill the man that I love best

The ocean's deep and I can't wade it
 And I have no wings to fly
 I'll just get some blue-eyed boatman
 For to row me o'er the tide

I'll go back to East Virginia
 North Carolina ain't my home
 I'll go back to East Virginia
 Leave old North Carolina alone

I don't want your green back dollar
 I don't want your watch and chain
 All I want is you my darling
 Say you'll take me back again

For you know I'd like to see you
 At my door you're welcome in
 At my gate I'll always greet you
 For you're the girl I tried to win

I was born in East Virginia
 North Carolina I did go
 There I courted a fair young maiden
 But her age I did not know
 But her age I did not know