

The Twa Sisters

anacrusis

stepwise *octave*

There were twa sis_ ters in_ yon bower Aye o_ and sae

5 *ascending* *legato*

bon - ny_ o And there came a_ man_ tae

7 *descending* *pause*

be_ their wooer And the swan_ swims_ sae_ bon - ny_ o.

- 2 Sister, o sister, we'll gan tae the broom
Aye o etc., (chorus)
Tae hear the blackbird play his tune
And the swan etc., (chorus)
- 3 Sister o sister pit yer fit on a stane...
And her false sister Jean's pushed her in the stream...
- 4 O she's swam up and she swam doon...
Until she cam tae the Miller's dam...
- 5 The miller's cam oot for tae look in his dam...
Sayin' it's either a maid or a milk-white swan...
- 6 He's ta'en her oot an he's laid her on a stane...
An' a fiddler fine was walkin' alane...
- 7 O he has ta'en her white breist-bane...
Sayin' this'll mak a fiddle that'll play a tune or twa...

- 8 O he has ta'en her lang finger banes...
Sayin' this'll mak me pins for ma fiddle sae fine...
- 9 An' he has ta'en her yella hair...
Sayin' this'll mak me strings for ma fiddle sae rare...
- 10 The first tune it played - there's ma faither the King...
An' the next tune it played - there's ma mither the Queen...
- 11 The next tune it played - there's ma fause sister Jean...
And it was she pushed me in the stream...
- 12 They've built a fire that wad near burn a stane...
And intae the middle o't they've pushed her sister Jean...