

# East Virginia Blues

Traditional

I V I I7  
I was born in East Virginia  
IV I  
North Carolina I did go  
IV I  
There I courted a fair young maiden  
V I  
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 at rest  
In her hand she holds a dagger  
To kill the one 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 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

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

## Chart – Verse

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IV	IV	I	I
IV	IV	I	I
V	V	I	I