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CARELESS LOVE

DAA-Ionian
Rather slowly

Folk Song

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first line of the melody with chords D, A7, D, and E. The second staff continues the melody with chords D, (G), (D), A7, D, (G), (D), G, and (A7). The third staff concludes the melody with chords D, A7, and D. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 0-4 below the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

love, oh love, oh care-less love. Love, oh

love, oh care-less love, Life, it holds no joy no fun, Oh

look what care-less love has done.

2. Love, oh, love, oh, careless love,
Love, oh, love, oh, careless love,
Well, it's love, oh, love, oh, careless love,
You see what careless love has done.

3. I love my mama and my papa, too, (repeat 3 times)
But I'd leave them both to go with you.

4. When I wore my apron low, (repeat 3 times)
You'd follow me through rain and snow.

4. Now I wear my apron high, (repeat 3 times)
You see my door and pass on by.

Repeat verse 2