

# O no, John, no!

English Folksong, arr. Robin Doveton

**Allegro**  
*mp*

S O no John, no John, no—John, no! O no John, no John, no—John,

A *mp*  
O no John, no John, no—John, no!

T *mp*  
O no John, no John, no—John, no!

B *mp*  
O no John, no John, no John,

4 **Piu lento** *espress.*

no! stands a crea-ture, you do not know,

*espress.*  
stands a crea-ture, you do not know,

*espress.*  
1. On yon-der hill there stands a crea-ture, who she is I do not know.—

*espress.*  
no! 1. On yon-der hill there stands a crea-ture, who she is I do not know.—

8 **Tempo Imo**

yes or no.

*mf*  
I'll go and court her for her beau-ty, she must ans- wer yes or no. Yes or no?—

*mf*  
I'll go and court her for her beau-ty, she must ans- wer yes or no.—

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yes or no. O — no John, no John, no — John, no! —  
— O — no John, no John, no John, no, no — John, no!  
— O — no John, no John, no — John, no, no — John, no!  
— O — no John, no — John, — no — John, no!

*f* *dim.* *f* *dim.* *f* *dim.* *f* *dim.*

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— 2. My hus-band is a Spa-nish cap-tain, went to sea but a month a-go,  
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O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam,  
O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam,

*mp* *mp* *p* *p*

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and the ve-ry last time we kissed and — par-ted, he al-ways bid me ans-wer, no. O no John, no John, no — John,  
and the ve-ry last time we kissed and par-ted, he al-ways bid me ans-wer, no.  
O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O.  
O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O Ma-dam, O.

*mf*

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**Piu lento**

**Tempo Imo**

no! shall I tie your—gar-ter, tie it a lit-tle a -bove your knee?— If my—hand should slip a lit-tle far-ther,  
Ma-dam, shall I tie your gar-ter, tie it a lit-tle a -bove your knee? If my hand should slip a lit-tle far-ther,  
Ma-dam, shall I tie your—gar-ter, tie it a lit-tle a -bove your knee? If my—hand should slip a lit-tle far-ther,

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O no John, no John, no—John, no!  
would you think— it a-miss of me? O no John, no John, no— John,  
would you think it a-miss of me? O no John, no John, no John,  
would you think it a-miss of me?

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**Piu lento**

O no John, no John, no—John, no, no! 5.My  
no, John, no! O no John, no John, no— John, no!  
no! O no John, no John, no—John! O no John, no! O no John!  
O no John, no John, no! O no John, no!

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love and I did bed to - ge - ther: there we lay till the cocks did crow.

*p* Mm! \_\_\_\_\_ Un - fold your arms, my dear - est je - wel,

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*p* Mm! \_\_\_\_\_ Un - fold your arms, my dear - est je - wel,

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Let you go? O no John, O no John,

*cresc.* un - fold your arms and let me go. O no John, O no John,

*cresc.* un - fold your arms and let me go. O no John, O no John!

*cresc.* un - fold your arms and let me go. O no John, O no John,

**Tempo Imo**

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*cresc. al fine* no! *f* O no John, no John, no John, no! *ff* No!

*sfp cresc. al fine* no! *mf* O no John, no John, no John, no! *f* O no John, no! *ff* No John, no!

*sfp cresc. al fine* O no John, no John, no John, no! *mf* O no John, no, O no John, no! *f* No John, no!

*sfp cresc. al fine* no! \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* O no John, no, *f* no John, no! *ff* No John, no!