

# On Top of Old Smokey

## Traditional

[Verse 1]

**C**                      **F**                      **C**  
On top of old Smokey all covered with snow  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
I lost my true lover for courting too slow

[Verse 2]

**F**                      **C**  
For courting's a pleasure and parting's a grief  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
And a false hearted lover is worse than a thief

[Verse 3]

**F**                      **C**  
For a thief will just rob you and take all your pay  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
But a false hearted lover will lead you to your grave

[Verse 4]

**F**                      **C**  
And the grave will decay you and turn you to dust  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
Not one boy in a hundred that a poor girl can trust

[Verse 5]

**F**                      **C**  
The'll hug you and kiss you and tell you more lies  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
Than the crosswalks on the railroad and the stars in the sky

[Verse 6]

**F**                      **C**  
So come you young maidens and listen to me  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
Never place your affections on a green willow tree

[Verse 7]

**F**                      **C**  
For the leaves will wither and the roots will die  
                                 **G7**                      **C**  
You'll all be forsaken and you'll never know why

[Outro]

**G7**                      **C** **F** **C**  
You'll all be forsaken and you'll never know why