The Country Girl - song lyrics

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THE COUNTRY GIRL.
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I Alone she sat upon the beach, a maiden young and fetching;
She had some paper on her lap, I fancied she was sketching;
I Her attitude reminded me of "Miss Muffett and the Spider."
So, in an absent-minded way, I sat me down beside her.

I Chorus.
I Oh! she was a simple country girl;
The ways of the world she'd never known.
Said I, "Where's your popper?
It hardly seems proper
To leave little country girls alone.

Said she, "I've just been ask'd to wed, but I can't write a letter;
Now I will tell you what to say; he'll read your writing better.
I wrote, "My love, I'll marry you-at twelve expect the carriage!"
And with that note the girl sued me for breach of promise of marriage.

Chorus.
Oh! she was a simple country girl;
The ways of the world she'd never known,
But after Id met her.
Said I, "It is better
To leave little country girls alone.

As I was walking in the park I saw a country maiden;
With bundles of enormous weight that simple girl was laden.
"May I carry one?" "Yes, take the lot!" "Are you going far?" "Not very."
Then all the way from Central Park we walked to Grand Street Ferry.

Chorus.
Oh! she was a simple country girl;
The ways of the world she'd never known,
But after Id met her,
Said I, "It is better
To leave little country girls alone!

Now when we got to Grand Street I became extremely nervous,
For there I saw some men I knew, who turned 'round to observe us.
I whispered, "Take your bundles, please; if my friends see this 'twill shock 'em.
"Hold on," cried she, "I'm looking for a place where I can hock 'em!"

Chorus.
Oh! she was a simple country girl;
The ways of the world she'd never known,
But after I'd met her,
Said I, "It is better
To leave little country girls alone.

She made me hock the things myself, though I at first protested;
Next day, for pawning stolen goods, a man had me arrested!
The judge said., "You were not alone in this transaction shady."
"You're right," said I; "I'll tell your honor all about the lady:

Chorus.
Oh! she was a simple country girl;
The ways of the world she'd never known."
Said the judge, "Now you've met her;
In future it's better
To leave little country girls alone!"