A Diamond Ring - song lyrics

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Love is sometimes shallow, often very deep,
Filling hearts with gladness, making life complete;
Some have naught but sunshine, life is all a gain,
Others doom'd to sadness, misery and pain.
Once there was a maiden, fairest one on earth,
Life was always happy, full of joy and mirth;
She was all his treasure and his heart did win,
And he sealed his future with a diamond ring.
Refrain.
Just a little diamond, just a broken heart,
Tells a life's true story, as we drift apart;
Once a vow of marriage, happiness should bring,
Yet how sad the story of that diamond ring.

All went well together, till one fatal day,
Just for idle pleasure, he went to the play;
There he saw his sweetheart with another man;
Silently he watched them, pierced by jealous pang.
Then he wrote a letter, all his love was vain;
They must end their friendship, ne'er to meet again.
Next day came a package with that precious thing,
She returned the sparkling, little diamond ring - Refrain

Years have passed In sorrow and he ne'er has wed,
Drifting o'er this wide world, wishing he was dead;
No one to console him, strangers ev'ry where,
Hope, his consolation, ling'ring in despair.
But that little jewel, though It gave him pain,
'Tis to him a treasure, 'tis to him her name;
He will ever prize it, love that precious thing.
For 'twas love's sweet token, a little diamond ring. - Refrain.