

Jack of Diamonds

Words and music by Peter Brunette

1.

D **A7** **D**
A stranger was courting my sweetheart
G **D**
One night at the countryside waltz.
D7 **G**
I told her that I would be faithful.
Em **A7**
I told her that he would be false.
D **A7** **D**
Yes, and even if he ever loved her,
G **D**
It would only be in fits and starts.
D7 **G**
But she chose the jack of diamonds
Em **A7** **D**
Over the king of hearts.

2.

D **A7** **D**
At first, when we both sought her favour,
G **D**
She seemed not to know her own mind,
D7 **G**
But he told her so many sweet nothings
Em **A7**
That I soon fell a few steps behind.
D **A7** **D**
I could see she'd been smitten by something—
G **D**
Must have been one of Cupid's stray darts—
D7 **G**
For she chose the jack of diamonds
Em **A7** **D**
Over the king of hearts.

3.

D **A7** **D**
The love that she showed me that summer
G **D**
Was as plain as a perfect blue sky.

But some things are too sweet to be trusted,
Like the calm at the hurricane's eye.
Yes, and she thought that love was a drama
Where the gamblers had all the best parts,
And she chose the jack of diamonds
Over the king of hearts.

ENDING:

She chose the jack of dia-monds
Over the king of hearts.