

The Rambling Blade

G **D7**

1. At Ram - bling Green where I was born. A
 2. At se - - ven - - teen I took a wife; I
 3. On this poor girl I based my choice, For -
 4. I robbed Lord Golden in Leice - ster Square. I
 5. To Cov - - ent Gar - - den straight a - - way, My

G **D7**

good broad sword I've al - - ways worn. I
 loved her as I love my life. All
 - ev - - er made my heart re - - joice. But
 robbed his wife, I do de - - clare. Tap - -
 wife and I went for to play. Ned

G **Am** **Em** **G**

was ap - - pren - - ticed _____ to a trade.
 for to keep her _____ fine and gay
 that sad day she'll for - - ev - - er rue.
 - ping those shut - - ters, bid them good - - night,
 Field - - ing's gang did _____ me pur - - sue.

(G) **D7** **C** **G**

But was al - - ways known as 'The Ram - bling Blade'.
 I _____ took to robbing on the King's high - way.
 Be - - - trayed I was to Ned Field - ing's crew.
 Tak - - - ing the gold for my heart's de - light.
 Tak - - - en I was by the gal - lows crew.

G **D7**

6. I nev - - er robbed a poor man yet, Nor
 7. Then dig my grave both wide and deep, Two

8. Let six bold rob - - bers car - - ry me, Give
 9. And when I'm dead pray tell the truth, Here

G **D7**

was I in a trades - man's debt. But
 tomb - - stones at my head and feet. And

them broad - swords and sweet li - - ber - - ty. Let
 lies a wild and wick - - ed youth, And

G **Am** **Em** **G**

many a maid - - en will weep for me.
 on them carve two _____ pretty white doves.

six pretty fair maids hold up my pall,
 on my tomb - - stone pray let it be,

(G) **D7** **C** **G**

When my sad life ends on the gal - - lows tree.
 To let peo - - ple know that I died for love.

Give _____ them black gloves and white rib - - bons all.
 It _____ was for love that this came to me.

The Folk Handbook p.270
 Similar theme: The Robber