

Rough and Rocky

Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs

From the Old Town School of Folk Music website: “Don’t This Road Look Rough and Rocky” comes from blue-grass greats Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs. Flatt and Scruggs may have adapted the song from a 1936 recording of “Can’t You Hear That Night Bird Crying” by the Blue Sky Boys who may have adapted it from an earlier song. It has traveled its own rough and rocky road.

Darlin’ I have come to tell you

CHORUS

Tho’ it almost breaks my heart

But before the mornin’, darlin’

One more kiss before I leave you

We’ll be many miles apart

One more kiss before we part

You have caused me lots of trouble

CHORUS:

Darlin’, you have broke my heart

Don’t this road look rough and rocky

Don’t that sea look wide and deep

CHORUS

Don’t my baby look the sweetest

When he’s in my arms asleep

Can’t you hear the nightbird’s cryin’

Far across the deep blue sea

While others you are thinking

Won’t you sometimes think of me