

'I Sowed Some Seeds' performed by Martin Carthy

[Martin tunes up and starts playing]

*When first to London town I came
I took my lodging all at some inn.
For full five months I did remain
But being a stranger I fell in danger
Doing so, doing so.*

*The landlord had a daughter fair,
She was a beauty I do declare.
In her bedchamber I dared not go
But being a stranger I fell in danger
Doing so, doing so.*

Recorded by Jim Etheridge at Chelmsford Folk Club on 17 October 1982. Carthy released 'I Sowed Some Seeds' on his 1982 album, 'Out of the Cut'. The song is based on the traditional song 'The Hostess's Daughter', documented by Sabine Baring-Gould. Read more about the recording on Essex Archives Online: [SA 30/6/425/1](#)