## Contents

Preface * ix

CHAPTER 1.  
Who Was Tom Dooley? History and Folk Songs * 1

CHAPTER 2.  
Careless Love: Courtship, Marriage, and Children * 9

CHAPTER 3.  
“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”: Of God and Country * 35

CHAPTER 4.  
“Take This Hammer”: Work and the Labor Movement * 67

CHAPTER 5.  
The Man Who Never Returned:  
Ships, Trains, and Other Transportation * 96

CHAPTER 6.  
Just Lookin’ for a Home: Traveling On * 121

CHAPTER 7.  
Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen:  
Hard Times and Hard Men * 147

CHAPTER 8.  
How Can I Keep from Singing?  
Huddie Ledbetter and Woody Guthrie * 175

Coda: Thinking about Folk Songs * 195

Notes * 205

Select Bibliography and Discography * 225

Index * 233