

Mary and the Soldier

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1) Come all you lads of high renown that will hear of a fair young maiden
She roved out on a summer's day for to view the soldier's parading

They march so fine and they look so gay, the colors flyin' and the bands did play
And it caused young Mary for to say, "I'll wed you me gallant soldier"

2) She viewed the soldiers on parade as they stood at their leisure

Young Mary to herself did say, "At last I found my treasure!

But oh how cruel my parents must be, to banish my darlin' so far from me,

Well I'll leave them all and I'll go with thee, and I'll wed you my gallant soldier."

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3) "Oh Mary dear, your parents' love, I pray don't be unruly.

For when you're in a foreign land, believe me you'll rue it surely.

Perhaps in battle I might fall from a shot from an angry cannonball,

And you so far from your daddy's hall, be advised by a gallant soldier."

4) "Oh I have fifty guineas in my coat, likewise a heart that's bolder,

And I'd leave them all and I'd go with you, me bold undaunted soldier.

So don't say no but let me go, and I will face the daring foe,

And we'll march together to and fro, and I'll wed you, my gallant soldier."

INTERLUDE

5) And when he saw her loyalty and Mary so true-hearted.

He said, "Me darling, married we'll be, and nothing but death will part us.

And when we're in a foreign land, I'll guard you, darling, with my right hand,

And hopes that God might stand a friend, to Mary and her gallant soldier."

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