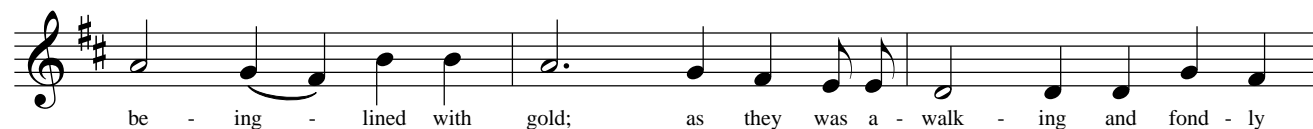
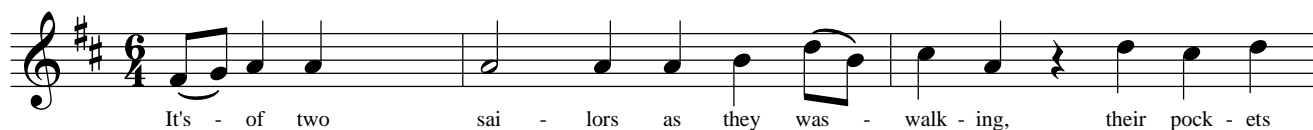


## 05 Basket of Eggs - Mr Anderson



1  
It's of two sailors as they was walking;  
their pockets being lined with gold;  
as they was a-walking and fondly talking,  
a fair young damsel they did behold,

2  
with a little basket a-standing by her,  
but being tired she sat down to rest.  
They said 'Pretty damsel may I carry your basket?'  
the answer was, 'Kind sir, if you please.'

3  
But she said 'Young man I do crave nothing of you,  
of my basket of eggs I pray take care;  
and if you should by chance outwalk me  
at the half-way ale house leave them there.'

4  
They walked till they came to the half way ale house;  
they called for liquors of the best.  
'Oh landlord, landlord, bring in some bacon  
for eggs we have and we'll have a mess.'

5  
The landlord going unto the basket  
expecting eggs there for to find;  
'Oh sailor, sailor you are mistaken  
instead of eggs we have a child.'

6  
One of them sailors fell a-weeping,  
but the other one says 'Never mind,  
but a hundred pounds we will pay down fairly  
to anyone that will take this child.'

7  
Little Nancy standing by the fire,  
all hearing what the sailors said;  
'O I will take it and kindly treat it,  
if you will first down the money pay.'

8  
'Are you the girl that they call Nancy  
what danced with me last Whitsuntide?'  
'Oh yes kind sir, and I pleased your fancy  
Now the fiddler you must pay.'

9  
'We will go down to yonder valley  
where the bands of wedlock we will tie.  
We'll set bells ringing and sailors singing;  
you'll enjoy your sweet happy time.'