

Lovely on the Water - Mr Hilton



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As I walked out one morning in the springtime of the year,
I overheard a sailor boy, likewise a lady fair.</p> <p>2
They sang a song together, made the valleys for to ring,
while the birds on spray, and the meadows gay, proclaimed
the lovely spring.</p> <p>3
Said Henry unto Nancy, 'We must soon sail away,
for it's lovely on the water for to hear the music play.</p> <p>4
For our Queen she do want seamen, so I will not stay on
shore,
I will brave the wars for my country where the cannon
loudly roar.'</p> <p>5
'Oh', then said pretty Nancy, 'pray stay at home with me,
or let me go along with you to bear you company.</p> <p>6
I'll put on a pair of trousers and leave my native shore.
Then let me go along with you where the cannon loudly
roar.'</p> <p>7
'It will not do,' said Henry, 'it's in vain for you to try.
They will not ship a female,' young Henry did reply.</p> | <p>8
'Besides, your hands are delicate, and the ropes would make
them sore,
and it would be worse if you should fall where the cannon
loudly roar.'</p> <p>9
Poor Nancy fell and fainted, and soon they brought her to;
they both shook hands together, and took a fond adieu.</p> <p>10
'Come change your ring with me, my love, for we may meet
once more.
There's one above that will guard you love, where the cannon
loudly roar.</p> <p>11
Four pounds it is our bounty, and that would od for thee,
for to help the agèd parents while I am on the sea.'</p> <p>12
For Tower Hill is crowded with mothers weeping sore,
for their sons are gone to face the foe where the cannon
loudly roar.'</p> <p>13
There's many a mother's darling has entered for the main,
and in the dreaful battles what numbers will be slain.</p> <p>14
For many a weeping mother and widow will deplore
for those who fall by cannon ball where the cannon
loudly roar.'</p> |
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