

SO EARLY IN THE SPRING

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SO EARLY, EARLY IN THE SPRING, I SHIPPED ON BOARD TO SERVE MY KING
I LEFT MY DEAREST DEAR BEHIND SHE OFT'-TIMES SWORE HER HEART WAS MINE.

MY LOVE SHE TAKES ME BY THE HAND
"IF EVER I MARRY YOU'LL BE THE MAN."
A THOUSAND VOWS, SO LONG AND SWEET
SAYING "WE'LL BE MARRIED WHEN NEXT WE MEET."

AND ALL THE TIME I SAILED THE SEAS,
I COULD NOT FIND A MOMENT'S EASE
IN THINKING OF MY DEAREST DEAR
AND NEVER A WORD FROM HER COULD I HEAR

AT LAST WE SAILED INTO GLASGOW-TOWN
I STRODE THE STREETS BOTH UP AND DOWN
INQUIRING OF MY DEAREST DEAR
AND NEVER A WORD FROM HER COULD I HEAR

I WENT STRAIGHTWAY TO HER FATHER'S HALL
AND LOUDLY FOR MY LOVE DID CALL
"MY DAUGHTER'S MARRIED, SHE'S A RICH MAN'S WIFE
SHE'S MARRIED TO ANOTHER MUCH BETTER FOR LIFE."

IF THE GIRL IS MARRIED THAT I ADORE
I'M SURE I'LL STAY ON LAND NO MORE
I'LL SAIL THE SEA TILL THE DAY I DIE
I'LL BREAK THE WAVES ROLLING IN MOUNTAIN HIGH

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