

## Mary and the Soldier

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Come all ye lads of high reknown That will hear of a fair young  
maiden For she went oot of a summers day To view the soldiers  
parading And they marched so bold and they looked so gay Their  
colours a flying and the band did play It caused young Mary for  
to say: "I'll wed you me gallant soldier"

Mary viewed the soldiers there As they stood at there leisure A  
nd Mary to herself did say: "At last I've found me treasure But  
oh how cruel me parents must be To banish me darling so far fr  
om me I'll leave them all and I'll go with thee Me bold undaunt  
ed soldier."

"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 Perha  
ps in battle I might fall From a shot from an angry cannon ball  
And you so far from your daddy's hall Be advised by your galla  
nt soldier."

"I have 50 guineas in bright gold Likewise a heart that's bolde  
r But I'll leave them all And I'll go with you Me bold undaunte  
d soldier So don't say no and let me go And I will face the dar  
ing foe We'll march together to and fro And I'll wed you me gal  
lant soldier."

And when he saw her loyalty And Mary's so true hearted He said:  
"Me darling married we'll be And nothing but death will part u  
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And when we're in a foreign land I'll guard you darling with my  
right hand I'm hopes that God will stand a friend To Mary and  
her gallant soldier."