

# Adieu, Sweet Lovely Nancy

Show Of Hands

[Verse 1]

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
Adieu, sweet lovely Nancy, ten thousand times adieu.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
I am going across the ocean, love, to seek for something new.  
**D** **G**  
Come change your ring with me, dear girl,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7**  
Come change your ring with me.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
That it might be a token of true love when I am on the sea.

[Verse 2]

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
And when I'm far upon the sea you'll know not where I am.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
Kind letters I will write to you from every foreign land.  
**D** **G**  
The secrets of my heart, dear girl,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7**  
And the best of my good will.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
So let your body be where it might, my heart will be with you still.

[Verse 3]

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
There's a heavy storm arising: see how it gathers round.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are fighting for the Crown.  
**D** **G**  
There's nothing to protect us, love,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7**  
Or keep us from the cold,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
On the ocean wide where we must bide like jolly sailors bold.

[Verse 4]

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
There's tinkers, tailors, shoemakers lie snoring fast asleep,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are ploughing through the deep.  
**D** **G**  
Our officers commanded us  
**D** **G** **D** **A7**  
And then we must obey,  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
Expecting every moment we may be cast away.

[Verse 5]

**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
And when the wars are over there'll be peace on every shore.  
**D** **G** **D** **A7** **D**  
We'll return to our wives and our families and the girls that we adore.  
**D** **G**  
We'll drink our liquor merrily  
**D** **G** **D** **A7**  
And spend our money free,

**D**                      **G**                      **D**                      **A7**                      **D**  
And when our money it is all gone we'll boldly go to sea.