

## **MARY & the SOLDIER**

COME ALL YOU LADS OF HIGH RENOWN  
WHILE I SING OF A FAIR YOUNG MAIDEN  
WHO WENT OUT ON A SUMMER'S DAY  
TO VIEW THE SOLDIERS PARADING  
THEY MARCHED SO FINE AND LOOKED SO GAY  
THEIR COLORS BRIGHT AS THE BANDS DID PLAY  
THAT MARY TO HERSELF DID SAY  
"I'LL WED ME A GALLANT SOLDIER!"

SHE VIEWED THE SOLDIERS ON PARADE  
AS THEY STOOD AT THEIR LEISURE  
AND MARY TO HERSELF DID SAY  
"AT LAST I'VE FOUND MY TREASURE!  
BUT OH HOW CRUEL MY PARENTS MUST BE  
TO SEND MY DARLING SO FAR FROM ME  
BUT I'LL LEAVE THEM ALL TO GO WITH THEE  
MY BOLD UNDAUNTED SOLDIER!"

"OH MARY DEAR, YOUR PARENTS LOVE  
AND PRAY DON'T BE UNRULY  
FOR WHEN YOU'RE IN A FOREIGN LAND  
IT'S THEN YOU'LL RUE IT SURELY  
PERHAPS IN BATTLE I MIGHT FALL  
FROM A SHOT FROM A ERRANT CANNONBALL  
AND YOU SO FAR FROM YOUR FATHER'S HALL  
WHEN YOU'VE MARRIED YOUR GALLANT SOLDIER!"

"I HAVE FIFTY GUINEAS IN BRIGHT GOLD  
AND LIKEWISE A HEART THAT'S BOLDER  
BUT I'LL LEAVE THEM ALL TO GO WITH YOU  
MY BOLD UNDAUNTED SOLDIER!  
SO DON'T SAY NO, BUT LET ME GO,  
AND TOGETHER WE'LL FACE THE GALLANT FOE  
AS WE MARCH TOGETHER TO AND FRO  
MARY AND HER GALLANT SOLDIER!"

AND WHEN HE SAW HER LOYALTY  
AND MARY SO TRUE-HEARTED  
HE SAID "MY DARLING, MARRIED WE'LL BE  
AND NOTHING BUT DEATH WILL PART US  
AND WHEN WE'RE IN A FOREIGN LAND  
I'LL GUARD YOU, DARLING, WITH MY RIGHT HAND  
IN HOPES THAT GOD MIGHT STAND A FRIEND  
TO MARY AND HER GALLANT SOLDIER!"