

## **Bruce Springsteen**

### **"Mrs. Mcgrath"**

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"Mrs McGraw," the seargent said,  
"would you like a soldier  
Of your son, Ted?  
With a scarlet coat and a big cocked hat,  
Mrs McGraw wouldn't you like that?"

With me too-rye-ay  
Foddle-diddle-day  
With me toorye oorye oorye-ay  
With me toorye-ay  
Foddle diddle day  
Me toorye oorye oorye-ay

Mrs McGraw lived on the shore  
And after seven years or more  
She spied a ship come into the bay  
With her son from far away.  
Oh Captain dear where have you been  
You been sailing the mediterranean  
Have you news of my son Ted  
Is he living or is he dead?

With me too-rye-ay  
Foddle-diddle-day  
With me toorye oorye oorye-ay  
With me toorye-ay  
Foddle diddle day  
Me toorye oorye oorye-ay

Up came Ted without any legs  
And in their place two wooden pegs  
She kissed him a dozen times or two  
And said my God Ted is it you?  
Now were you drunk or were you blind  
When you left your two fine legs behind?  
Or was it walking upon the sea  
That wore your two fine legs away?

With me too-rye-ay  
Foddle-diddle-day  
With me toorye oorye oorye-ay  
With me toorye-ay

Fiddle diddle day  
Me toorye oorye oorye-ay

Now I wasn't drunk and I wasn't blind  
When I left my two fine legs behind  
A cannon ball on the fifth of May  
Tore my two fine legs away.  
Oh Teddy boy they will all cry  
Your two fine legs were your mother's pride  
Stumps made of tree won't do at all  
Why didn't you run from the cannonball?

With me too-rye-ay  
Fiddle-diddle-day  
With me toorye oorye oorye-ay  
With me toorye-ay  
Fiddle diddle day  
Me toorye oorye oorye-ay

All foreign wars, I do proclaim  
There only blood and a mother's pain  
And I'd rather have my son as he used to be  
Then the King of America and his whole Navy.

With me too-rye-ay  
Fiddle-diddle-day  
With me toorye oorye oorye-ay  
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