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"Here's Adieu Sweet Lovely Nancy"

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Here's adieu sweet lovely Nancy, 10, 000 times adieu
For I'm going over the ocean love to seek for
something new
Come and change your ring with me dear girl, come
and change your ring with me,
That it might be a token of true love when I am on the
sea.

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

There's a heavy storm arising, see how it gathers
round,
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are fighting for
the crown.
There's nothing to protect us love or keep us from the
cold
On the ocean wide where we must bide like jolly
seamen bold.

There's tinkers, tailors and shipmakers lie snoring fast
asleep
While we poor boys on the ocean wide are plowing
through the deep
Our officers commanding us and them we must obey
Expecting every moment for to be cast away.

Oh but when the wars are over there'll be peace on
every shore
We'll return to our wives and families and the girls we
do adore
We'll call for liquor merrily and spend our money free
And when our money it is all gone, we'll boldly go to
sea.

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