

## **Polly Jean Harvey** **"The Ballad of the Soldier's Wife"**

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What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From the ancient city of Prague ?  
From Prague came a pair of high heeled shoes,  
With a kiss or two came the high heeled shoes  
From the ancient city of Prague.

What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From Oslo over the sound ?  
From Oslo he sent her a collar of fur,  
How it pleases her, the little collar of fur  
From Oslo over the sound.

What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From the wealth of Amsterdam ?  
From Amsterdam, he got her a hat,  
She looked sweet in that,  
In her little Dutch hat  
From the wealth of Amsterdam.

What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From Brussels in Belgian land ?  
From Brussels he sent her the laces so rare  
To have and to wear,  
All those laces so rare  
From Brussels in Belgian land.  
What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From Paris, city of light ?  
From Paris he sent her a silken gown,  
It was ended in town, that silken gown,  
From Paris, city of light.

What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From the South, from Bucharest ?  
From Bucharest he got her this shirt  
Embroidered and pert, that Rumanian shirt  
From the South, from Bucharest.

What was sent to the soldier's wife  
From the far-off Russian land ?  
From Russia there came just a widow's veil  
For her dead to bewail in her widow's veil  
From the far-off Russian land,

From the far-off Russian land.

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