

## **Berlin Irving**

### **"Old Maids Ball, The"**

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[1st verse:]

Talk about your funny masquerades  
Talk about your funny looking braids  
Did you hear of the four old maids  
Who gave a fancy ball  
Old maids gathered from every town  
Each one dressed up in a funny gown  
I was asked to go and so I hurried  
Down to the old maids ball

[chorus:]

There were old maids short and tall  
Dancing 'round the hall  
One who knew us drew up to us  
She was older than St. Louis  
Miss Melinda Rand  
Led the female band  
And when they played "Here comes the Bride"  
Four old maids sat down and cried  
Someone hollered "There's a man outside"  
And broke up the old maids ball

[2nd verse:]

Everybody in the hall was asked  
Not to laugh, and say it was a task  
What I thought was a funny mask  
Turned out to be a face  
Someone came to me and put me wise  
Fifty dollars was the standing prize  
To the one who had a perfect figure  
Nobody won the prize

[2nd chorus:]

There were old maids short and tall  
Dancing 'round the hall  
One who knew us drew up to us  
She was older than St. Louis  
Miss Melinda Rand  
Led the female band  
And one old maid named Geraldine  
Oldest maid I've ever seen

Said, "Tomorrow I'll be seventeen" And broke up the  
old maids ball

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