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Twa recruiting sergeants came frae the Black Watch
Tae markets and fairs, some recruits for tae catch.
But a' that they 'listed was forty and twa:
Enlist my bonnie laddie an' come awa.

And it's over the mountain and over the Main,
Through Gibraltar, to France and Spain.
Pit a feather tae your bonnet, and a kilt aboon your
knee,
Enlist bonnie laddie and come awa with me.

And its into the barn and out o' the byre,
This ole farmer, he thinks ye never tire.
It's slavery a' yer life, a life o' low degree.
Sae list my bonnie laddie and come awa with me

And it's over the mountain and over the Main,
Through Gibraltar, to France and Spain.
Pit a feather tae your bonnet, and a kilt aboon your
knee,
Enlist bonnie laddie and come awa with me.

Oh laddie ye dinna ken the danger that yer in.
If yer horses was to fleg, and yer owsen was to rin,
This greedy ole farmer, he wouldna pay yer fee.
Sae list my bonnie laddie and come awa wi' me

And it's over the mountain and over the Main,
Through Gibraltar, to France and Spain.
Pit a feather tae your bonnet, and a kilt aboon your
knee,
Enlist bonnie laddie and come awa with me.

With your tattie porin's and yer meal and kale,
Yer soor sowan' soorin's and yer ill-brewed ale,
Yer buttermilk, yer whey, and yer breid fired raw.
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O laddie if ye've got a sweetheart an' a bairn,
Ye'll easily get rid o' that ill-spun yarn.
Twa rattles o' the drum, aye and that'll pay it a'.
Sae list my bonnie laddie and come awa.

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