

## **Traditional folk song**

### **"Farewell lovely Nancy"**

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Farewell, my dearest Nancy,  
Since I must now leave you;  
    Unto the salt seas  
    I am bound for to go;  
But let my long absence  
    Be no trouble to you,  
    For I shall return  
In the spring, as you know.

Like some pretty little sea boy,  
I will dress and go with you;  
    In the deepest of danger,  
    I shall stand your friend;  
In the cold stormy weather,  
When the winds are a blowing;  
My dear, I shall be willing  
    To wait on you then.

Your pretty little hands,  
Can't handle our tackle,  
And your pretty little feet  
On our top mast can't go;  
And the cold stormy weather,  
Love, you ne'er can endure,  
Therefore, dearest Nancy,  
    To the seas do not go.

So farewell, my dearest Nancy,  
Since I must now leave you;  
    Unto the salt seas  
    I am bound for to go,  
Where the winds do blow high  
    And the seas loud do roar;  
So may yourself contented;  
Be kind and stay on shore.

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