

Mary Hamilton-crd

C F C G7
 Word is to the kitchen gone, and word is to the hall,
 F G7 C Am
 And word is up to Madam the Queen
 C G7 C
 And that is the worst of all.
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 That Mary Hamilton has borne a babe, to the highest Stuart of all.
 C F C G7
 "Arise, arise Mary Hamilton, arise and tell to me,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 What thou hast done with thy wee babe I saw and heard weep by thee?"
 C F C G7
 "I put him in a tiny boat, and cast him out to sea,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 That he might sink or he might swim, but he'd never come back to me."
 C F C G7
 "Arise, arise Mary Hamilton, arise and come with me;
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 There is a wedding in Glasgow town, this night we'll go and see."
 C F C G7
 She put not on her robes of black, nor her robes of brown.
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 But she put on her robes of white, to ride into Glasgow town.
 C F C G7
 And as she rode into Glasgow town the city for to see,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 The bailiff's wife and the provost's wife cried "ach and alas for thee."
 C F C G7
 "Ah you need not weep for me," she cried, "you need not weep for me.
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 For had I not slain my own wee babe this night I would not die."
 C F C G7
 Ah little did my mother think when first she cradled me,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 The lands I was to travel in and the death I was to die."
 C F C G7
 Last night I washed the Queen's feet and put the gold in her hair,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 And the only reward I find for this is the gallows to be my share."
 C F C G7
 "Cast off, cast off my gown," she cried, "but let my petticoat be,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 And tie a napkin 'round my face; the gallows I would not see."
 C F C G7
 Then by and come the King himself, looked up with a pitiful eye,
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 "Come down, come down Mary Hamilton, tonight, you will dine with me."
 C F C G7
 "Ah hold your tongue, my sovereign liege, and let your folly be;
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
 For if you'd a mind to save my life, you'd never have shamed me here.
 C F C G7

Last night there were four Marys, tonight there'll be but three.
 F G7 C Am C G7 C
There was Mary Beaton and Mary Seaton and Mary Carmichael and me."