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For Im going around the ocean love to seek for something new
Come change your ring with me dear girl come change your ring with me
That it might be a token of true love while I am on the sea.

2. And when Im far across the sea youll know not where I am
Kind letters I will send to you from every foreign land
The secrets of your mind dear girl are the best of my good will
For let my body be where it might my heart will be with you still.

3. Theres a heavy storm arising see how it gathers round
While we poor souls on the ocean love are fighting for the crown
Theres nothing to protect us love or keep us from the cold
On the ocean wide where we must bide like jolly seamen bold.

4. There are tinkers tailors shoemakers lie snoring fast asleep
While we poor souls on the ocean love are ploughing through the deep
Our officers commanded us and then we must obey
Expecting every moment for to get cast away.

5. But when the wars are over therell be peace on every shore
Well return to our wives and our families and the girls that we adore
Well call for liquor merrily and spend our money free
And when our money is all spent well boldly go to sea.