

As I rov'd out one ev'ning fair  
The Dark-Eyed Sailor

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It being in the summertime to take the air  
I spied a sailor and a lady gay  
|: And I stood listen :|  
To hear what they would say.

2. He said "Fair lady, why do you roam  
For the day it is spent and the night is on."  
She heaved a sigh, while the tears did roll  
|: "For my dark-eyed sailor, :|  
So young and stout and bold.

3. "'Tis seven long years since he left the land,  
A ring he took from off his lily-white hand  
One half of the ring is still here with me,  
|: But the other's rolling, :|  
At the bottom of the sea."

4. He said, "Ye may drive him out of your mind,  
Some other young man you'll surely find;  
Love turns aside and soon cold does grow,  
|: Like a winter's morning, :|  
The hills all white with snow."

5. She said, "I'll never forsake my dear,  
Although we're parted this many a year.  
Genteel he was and rake like you,  
|: To induce a maiden, :|  
To slight the jacket blue."

6. One half of the ring did young William show,  
She ran distracted in grief and woe,  
Saying, "William, William, I have gold in store  
|: For my dark-eyed sailor, :|  
Has proved his overthrow."

7. There is a cottage by yonder lea,  
This couple's married and does agree;  
So maids be loyal when your love's at sea,  
|: For a cloudy morning, :|  
Brings in a sunny day.