

'Tis of a Nobleman's daughter  
The Nobleman's Daughter

'Tis of a Nobleman's daughter,  
Most beautiful, comely, and fair;  
Her father possessed of great fortune,  
Of thirty-five thousand a year.  
He had but one only daughter,  
Caroline was her name, I've been told,  
One day, from her drawing-room window,  
She admired a young sailor bold.

2. His cheeks were like two roses,  
His hair was black as jet.  
Young Caroline watched his departure,  
Walked round, and young William she met.  
She says: I'm a Nobleman's daughter,  
Possessed often thousands in gold;  
I'll forsake both my father and mother,  
And wed with you, young sailor bold.

3. Says William: Young lady, remember,  
Your parents you're bound for to mind;  
For in sailors there is no dependence,  
When their true love is left far behind.  
Be advised, and stay home with your parents,  
And do by them as you are told,  
And never let no one persuade you  
To wed with a young sailor bold.

4. She says: There's no one shall persuade me  
One moment to alter my mind;  
I'll ship, and proceed with my true love--  
He never shall leave me behind.  
She dressed like a gallant young sailor,  
Forsook both her parents and gold;  
Two years and a half on the ocean,  
She ploughed with her young sailor bold.

5. Three times with her love she was shipwrecked,  
And always proved constant and true.  
Her duty she did like a sailor,  
Went aloft in her jacket so blue.  
Her father long weeped and lamented,  
From his eyes tears in torrents long rolled,  
Till at length they arrived safe in England,  
Caroline and her young sailor bold.

6. Caroline went straightway to her father,  
In her trowsers and jacket so blue.  
Her father he instantly fainted,  
When first she appeared to his view  
She cries: Dearest father, forgive me,  
And forever deprive me of gold;  
Grant me one request, I'm contented  
To wed with my young sailor bold.

7. Her father admired young William,  
And vowed that in sweet unity,  
If life did them spare till the morning,  
Together they married should be.  
They were married; and Caroline's portion  
Was ten hundred thousand in gold.  
So now they live happy and cheerful,  
Caroline and her young sailor bold.