

That's The Girl Who Was Given Away With Half A Pound Of Tea - song lyrics

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That's the Girl Who Was Given Away with Half a Pound of Tea.
Written and Sung by Charles Brighton.

If you go for a walk down the Whitcchapel Road,
It's twenty to one you will see
A shop where they give lovely presents away
To each one who purchases tea;
'Twas there every day, as I passed on my way,
I'd call for a quarter of mixed;
'Twas there Cupid's dart shot a pang at this heart,
In short, it was there I was fixed.

Spoken-And I'll never forget it, no, never! I'd been in the habit of calling
there every day for my tea, and taking a present away with me, and I think I
had a sample of everything they kept. I had a most beautiful toilet set (with
the exception of the jug and basin and the thing you put the soap in), And what
to take I didn't know, until I asked the young lady's advice, and when I said,
"What present can you give me this time, my dear?" She said, "Oh, sir, take
me." I said, "Matilda, it's a take." Accordingly, for the sum of tenpence
halfpenny, I became the proud possessor of half a pound of the very best
Sashong Solong whole-leaf teadust, and a lovely girl thrown in as a present.

Chorus.

Oh! she was so bright and fair, with golden hair, grown to there;
Enough to make a fellow swear a married man he'd be;
When we go out the people say, "Ain't she gay, hip, hooray!
That's the girl who was given away with half a pound of tea."

I went for a walk with Matilda that night,
A walk just as far as the park;
I called her a darling, I called her a dear,
And gave her a kiss in the dark.
I then asked if she Mrs. Johnson would be,
She said, "Don't be fast-get along;"
A boy who was near, and just happened to hear.
Said, "Don't be a mug-take him on." - Chorus.

'Twas early this morning, dressed all in our best,
Matilda and I were wed;
We went to the church, and we looked quite a treat,
At least, that's what every one said.
But as we came out, now there is not a doubt,
Some boys had been waiting outside;
When we did appear, they all gave a cheer,
And then altogether they cried: -Chorus.