

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Bobbie Shafto

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Bobbie Shafto's gane to sea,  
Siller buckles on his knee,  
He'll come back and marry me,  
Bonnie Bobbie Shafto.

Bobbie Shafto's fat and fair,  
Combing down his yellow hair;  
He's my love for evermair,  
Bonnie Bobby Shafto.

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Nicht at Eenie (1932), 12, with music; Montgomerie SNR (1946), 90 (no. 112). This is a Northern song, shared by both sides of the border; but originally English. See ODNR 90; Cuthbert Sharp, Bishoprick Garland (1834), [54], and tune, [85], from Topliff; Tyneside Songs (1891), 2; Bell RNB (1812), 283. [With music in Bruce & Stokoe (1882), 115]:

Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea,  
With silver buckles on his knee;  
He'll come back and marry me,  
Bonny Bobby Shaftoe.

Bobby Shaftoe's bright and fair,  
Combing down his yellow hair,  
He's ma' ain for ever mair,  
Bonny Bobby Shaftoe.

Bobby Shaftoe's gotten a bairn,  
For to dandle in his airm;  
In his airm, and on his knee,  
Bobby Shaftoe loves me.

Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea, &c.

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