

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Chester City

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As I came down to Chester City,  
In the dark hour late at night  
Who should I meet but a fair young maiden  
Washing her clothes by the broad moon light

Cho: Madam I'm a darling a-di-ro-didero  
Madam I'm a darling a-di-ro-dee

First she washed them , then she squeezed them  
Then she hung them up to dry  
Then she folded up her arms  
Saying what a nice young girl am I!

Going to the well for a pail of water  
Bringing it home for to make the tea  
She fell over, I fell under  
All the game was above the knee

Madam I will tie your garter,  
I'll tie it above the knee  
If you like, I'll tie it up farther  
Madam I'm a darling a di-ro-dee

Madam you have gold and silver  
Madam, you have tracts of land  
Madam you ships on the ocean  
All you need is a nice young man!

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One of many variants on the "Spanish Lady" theme.

Recorded by Frank Harte.

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