

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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Susie MacLean

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I went to a tea party three weeks ago

G D7 G

I had never been at one before

G D

I was dressed up in my best, just like this

A D

And got there at a quarter to four

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The lassie that served me my tea was a queen

A D

One of the bonniest I've ever seen

G C G

Susie MacLean is her name and I'll tell

D A D

I've never done nae thing but sing to mysel'

G D

Since I met her.

G D7

CHORUS: Susie MacLean

G A D

When are you going to change your name?

G D7 C G

Just say the word and I'll make you my wife

D7 G

And I'll love you forever the rest of your life

I asked her if she ever had been in love

And she told me that she never had

Well I said, "You're a love," ach, I said "You're a dove."

But she just said, "Away, you young man."

I teased her and squeezed her, she said I was rough

Then she gave me a cuff on the jaw with her muff

But when I got home I sat down and wrote

A letter to Susie and this is the note

That I wrote her. <CH

Her father and mother invited me soon  
To the house 'cause they wanted to see  
Susie's selection and so I went down  
For a chat and a wee cup of tea

We strolled down the garden sat under a tree

It got darker and darker; then I couldn't see

But when the moon came out onto the scene

I snuggled close, she said, "What do you mean?"

I said, <CH

SPOKEN: You know, I believe there are some of the young chaps here, you know, in love with some girl or another, but just for the want of that something, you know, gumption - aye, that's the word: gumption - just for the want of gumption you don't know hoo to go about it in a successful direction. Well then, I'm goin' to try and help ye, aye. I've written a book on luv, aye, and its entitled "The Only Way", aye, and it commences by starting at the beginning. Aye, it says that love is an inspiration, and conversation, and consultation. After consultation, there is jubilation; after jubilation there is os-cillation; then after os-cillation there is a - hesitation. After the hesitation, there is a sort of sep another conclusion, which sometimes turns the whole thing into a delusion termination in confusion. But. Aye, but. But. ut mind, I'm gonna tell ye. If you follow these directions, you'll never go on the rocks. That's the way I went about it with Susie.

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From Harry Lauder  
RPF