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As he was a-traveling the North Country  
Near to Kirby Stephen he happened for to be  
As he was a-walking up and down the street  
A pretty little buy-a-broom he chanced for to meet

And she was right, he was tight  
Every girl shall have her way  
It was the lish young buy-a-broom  
That led him astray

She kindly then invited him to go along the way  
'Yes', it was the answer to her that he did say  
Him and his music walking down the street  
And her with her tambourine beating hands and feet

He treated her to a brandy, he treated her to beer  
He kissed her and he cuddled her and called her his dear  
She treated him to whiskey, she treated him to rum  
And said, "My gay young fellow, you can play my little drum"

Now straightway out to Kendal they steered, her and him  
Over yon green mountain, the weather it was grim  
They each had a bottle filled up to the top  
And whenever they were feeling dry, they took a little drop

With night a-coming on, good lodgings they did find  
Eatables of all sorts and plenty of good wine  
Good bed and blankets just for the two  
And he rolled her in his arms, my boys, and wouldn't you do, to?

Then early the next morning they rose to go away  
He called to the landlord to see what was to pay  
He said fourteen and sixpence, just for you two  
And a sovereign on the table his darling she threw

And when they got to Kendal, the weather it was fine  
They'd velvet caps with tassels on, fine buckles they did shine  
They each had a ribbon hanging down their backs  
And she had nineteen golden sovereigns, his darling, in her sack

The reason that they parted, I mean for you to hear

She wanted him to go to France for to be her dear  
But him not being willing to cross the stormy sea  
Said "Good luck to my darling, wherever she may be"

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