

# What I Heard An Old Maid Say - song lyrics

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You men are all deceivers,  
I heard an old maid say;  
You tell us girls you love us,  
Then steal our hearts away.  
Each night, as I lay sleeping  
Upon my little bed,  
I dream, and often do I think,  
'Tis true what the old maid said.

Yes, the men are all deceivers,  
So, girls, of them beware;  
They kiss you and caress you,  
Try to catch you in their snare.  
There is nothing so sweet as loving,  
But of deceitful men I am in dread;  
So, girls, do have sense and don't forget  
The words the old maid said.

A Kiss From Dear Old Mother.  
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Many miles o'er the sea to a far distant clime,  
Have I sailed to and fro for many years;  
And at times when I'd think of the loved ones at home,  
In my mind would arise a thousand fears.  
How often at night I've paced the silent deck  
In vain, for ray heart I could not fetter;  
But a bright gleam of sunshine dispelled all the gloom,  
When from home I received a loving letter.

Chorus.  
A few short lines from darling sister Kate,  
With love from my little blue-eyed brother;  
But the sweetest words of all, woke an echo in my heart,  
Twas a kiss from dear old mother.

There's a bright little spot that the heart ne'er forgets,  
And 'tis held by each comrade ever dear;  
'Tis our fond happy home, with sweet sunny smiles,  
And 'tis there that we ever love to steer.  
When far, far away, across the raging main,  
Sad feelings the heart can never fetter;  
And in sorrow and pain, how the pulse throbs with joy,  
When from home you receive a loving letter.-Chorus.