

Adieu Sweet Lovely Nancy

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D G D A7 D
Adieu, sweet lovely Nancy, ten thousand times adieu.

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I am going across the ocean, love, to seek for something new.

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Come change your ring with me, dear girl,

D G D/Bm A7
Come change your ring with me.

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That it might be a token of true love when I am on the sea.

And when I'm far upon the sea you'll know not where I am.
Kind letters I will write to you from every foreign land.
The secrets of my heart, dear girl,
And the best of my good will.
So let your body be where it might, my heart will be with you still.

There's a heavy storm arising: see how it gathers round.
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are fighting for the Crown.
There's nothing to protect us, love,
Or keep us from the cold,
On the ocean wide where we must bide like jolly sailors bold.

There's tinkers, tailors, shoemakers lie snoring fast asleep,
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are ploughing through the deep.
Our officers commanded us
And then we must obey,
Expecting every moment we may be cast away.

And when the wars are over there'll be peace on every shore.
We'll return to our wives and our families and the girls that we adore.
We'll drink our liquor merrily
And spend our money free,
And when our money it is all gone we'll boldly go to sea.