Johnny Todd



For to sail the ocean wide, And he left his true love behind him, Weeping by the Liverpool tide.

For a week she wept full sorely, Tore her hair and wrung her hands, Then she met another sailor, Walking on the Liverpool sands.

"O fair maid, why are you weeping For your Johnny gone to sea? If you wed with me tomorrow I will kind and constant be.

"I will buy you sheets and blankets, I'll buy you a wedding ring, You shall have a gilded cradle For to rock your baby in."

Johnny Todd came back from sailing, Sailing o'er the ocean wide, But he found that his fair and false one Was another sailor's bride. All young men who go a-sailing Or to fight the foreign foe, Don't you leave your love like Johnny, Marry her before you go.