

It's of a fair and handsome girl
She's all in her tender years
She fell in love with a sailor boy
And it's true she loved him well
For to go off to sea with him like she did not know how
She longed to see that seaport town
Called Canadee-I-o
So she bargained with a young sailor boy
Sold for a piece of gold
Straightway he led her down
All down into the hold
Saying "I'll dress you up in sailor's clothes,
Your jacket shall be blue, and you'll see that
Sea-port town called Canadee-I-o."
Now when the other sailors heard the news
They fell into a rage
And with their whole ship's company
They were willing to engage
Sayin' "We'll bind her hands and feet me boys,
And overboard we'll throw her,
She'll never see that seaport town
Called Canadee-I-o."
Now when the Captain he's heard the news
He too fell in a rage
And with his whole ship's company
He was ready to engage
Saying "She'll stay all in Sailor's clothes,
Her collar shall be blue,
And she'll see that seaport town
Called Canadee-I-o."
When they sailed down to Canada
Scare above half a year
She's married this bold Captain who called her his dear
She's dressed in silks and satins now
And she cuts a gallant shawl
She's the finest of the ladies down
In Canadee-I-o
So come all you fair and tender girls
Wheresoever you may be
I'd have you to follow your own true love
When he goes out on the sea
For if the sailors they prove false to you
The Captain he might prove true
You see the honor I have gained from
The wearing of the blue