

## Adieu Lovely Nancy

Solas

"Adieu, lovely Nancy, for now I must leave you  
To the far-off West Indies I'm bound for to steer  
But let my long journey be of no trouble to you  
For my love, I'll return in the course of a year"

"Talk not of leaving me here, lovely Jimmy  
Talk not of leaving me here on the shore  
You know very well your long absence will grieve me  
As you sail the wild ocean where the wild billows roar

I'll cut off my ringlets all curly and yellow  
I'll dress in the coats of a young cabin boy  
And when we are out on that dark, rolling ocean  
I will always be near you, my pride and my joy"

"Your lily-white hands, they could not handle the cables  
Your lily-white feet to the top mast could not go  
And the cold winter storms, well, you could not endure them  
Stay at home, lovely Nancy, where the the wild winds won't blow  
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As Jimmy set a-sailing, lovely Nancy stood a-wailing  
The tears from her eyes in great torrents did a-flow  
As she stood on the beach, oh her hands she was wringing  
Crying, "Oh and alas, will I e'er see you more?"

As Jimmy was a-walking on the quays of Philadelphia  
The thoughts of his true love, they filled him with pride  
He said, "Nancy, lovely Nancy, if I had you here, love  
How happy I'd be for to make you my bride"

So Jimmy wrote a letter to his own lovely Nancy  
Saying, "If you have proved constant, well, I will prove true"  
Oh but Nancy was dying, for her poor heart was broken  
Oh the day that he left her, forever he'd rue

Come all of you young maidens, I pray, take a warning  
And don't trust a sailor boy or any of his kind  
For first they will court you and then they'll deceive you  
For their love, it is tempestuous as the wavering wind