

The Sergeant in the Wagon Train

Mrs Baker

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Roud 1354

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the song, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: 'One love-ly morn-ing as I was a walk-ing', 'In the mer-ry month of May, A', 'love-ly gay young pair were talk-ing', and 'I ov-er- heard what they did say'.

One love-ly morn-ing as I was a walk-ing

In the mer-ry month of May, A

love-ly gay young pair were talk-ing

I ov-er- heard what they did say

1. One lovely morning as I was a-walking

In the merry month of May,
A lovely gay young pair were talking
I overheard what they did say.

2. Said William: Darling, I must leave you

For royal orders I must obey,
I ne'er intended to deceive you
Darling Nancy, don't dismay.

3. For I'm going across the raging ocean,

If my laurels I should gain,
I may return with my promotion,
A sergeant in the wagon train.

4. Oh, cried Nancy, do not leave me,

Do not leave me here behind;

I'll bid adieu to each relation

Be a soldier true and kind.

5. Through sick and sorrow I will follow

Soothe your cares and ease your pain,

In the battle guns do rattle

A sergeant in the wagon train.