

Down in the Meadows (The Meadows Down Below)

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1. As I was a walking down the street,

Hi-ring-i-ding! Hi-ring-i-ding!

As I was a walking down the street

Hi-oh!

A pretty maid I chanced to meet,

And she did look so neat and sweet,

Down in the meadows down below,

Hi-ho-hi-yo!

Down in the meadows down below!

2. My thoughts and dreams were all of her,

Hi-ring-i-ding! Hi-ring-i-ding!

My thoughts and dreams were all of her,

Hi-oh!

Her pretty leg so plump and neat

Went tapering down to her tiny feet,

Down in those meadows down below,

Hi-ho-hi-yo!

Down in those meadows down below!

“Learned chantey from old cockney, Blumire, sixty years old... A spirited capstan chantey with a swinging melodious air, does not occur in any collections that I have examined”.