

# Tiger Bay

William "Paddy" Gaul

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1. Oh the first time that I came to London,  
I stopped right down at the Well Street Home;  
And there I met a charming girl,  
And she took me around to Marlebone.  
She said "Young man, you're homeward bound,  
And I hear that you've got twelve months' pay;"  
So she took me into the Jolly Sailors,  
And there of course I had to pay,

*Chorus:*

Tura-lura-lura-laddie!

Tura-lura-lura-lay!

Tura-lura-lura-laddie!

And mind! Beware of Tiger Bay!

2. 'Twas in the morning when I woke;

I found me pockets they were bare.

She took me money and me watch and chain,

And she left me to an anchor in Tiger Bay.

“Whatever the source of "Tiger Bay", it is, both in the experience depicted and in the spirited, captivating swing of the melody, an epitome of the sailors experience ashore. I have never seen it in print.”