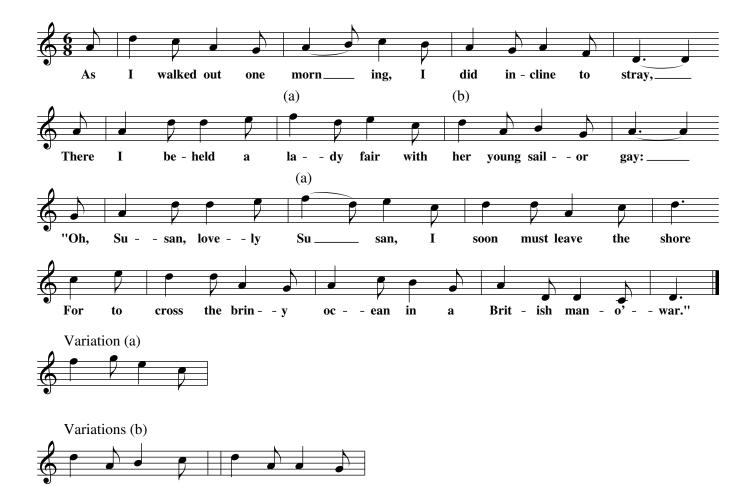
## The British Man-o'-War



- Now Susan fell a-weeping, to the sailor she did say: "How can you be so venturesome to throw your life away? You know when I am twenty-one I shall receive my store, Jolly sailor, do not venture in a British man-o'war."
- 3. Jolly sailor do not venture to fight the proud Chinese For they will prove as [treacherous?] as any Portuguese And by [the deadly...?] you might receive a scar So turn your inclination from the British man o-war.
- 4. "Oh, Susan, lovely Susan, the truth to you I'll tell: The British flag insulted is; Old England knows it well. I may be crowned with laurels but, like some jolly tar, I'll face the wars of China in a British man-o'war."
- 5. "Oh, Susan, lovely Susan, the time will quickly pass, We'll go down to the ferry house and take a parting glass. My shipmates they are waiting for to row me from the shore, For it's for old England's glory in a British man-o'-war."

6. The sailor took his handkerchief and cut it fair in two, And Susan took her neckerchief, "I'll do the same for you."

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