

The Female Cabin Boy

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "It's of a prett - y fair maid as you shall un - der - stand She had a mind for ro - - ving in - - to a for - - eign land At - tired in sail - or's cloth - ing she bold - ly did ap - - pear. And en - ga - - ged with a cap - - tain To serve him for a year." The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. There are some double dashes in the lyrics, likely indicating a long note or a specific phrasing. The final note of the piece is a quarter note on the G line of the staff.

Source: Sung by Mrs. Mary Anne Clayton (64) at Chipping Campden Jan 13th 1909. Collected by Cecil Sharp.

Notes: *Cecil Sharp's note: "The F natural was not very distinct and it may have been case of bad vocalization. She always muuddled the note and never once sang F#. N.B.the F appears nowhere else in the tune."

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