

Brisk Young Sailor

Not Fast



1. A fair maid was a-w-alkin' the gar-din, a brisk young sai-lor she chanced to



spy; he stepped up to her think-in' to vi-ew her, he said: "Fair mai-d, can you fan-cy I?"



2.'You ap-pear to me like some man of hon-or, some man of hon-or you seem to



be; how could you im--po--se on a poor young



wo--man who is not fittin' y-our ser-vant to be? 3."If you're not



fit to be my ser-vant, I have a goo-d re-gard for thee; I'll mar-ry



you & make you my la--dy, I have got ser--vants to wait on thee".



4.'I have a sweet-heart all of my own, sir; se-ven long ye-ars he's been gone from



me, & se-ven mo-re I will wait for (h)im if he's a-li-ve he'll re-turn to me',



5."If it's seven years since your love's bin gone from you, I'm sure he must be either dead or



downed" 'If he's a--li-ve I love him dearly, & if he's dead he-'s in hea-ven [crowned?]

6. And when he found that his love w - - as
loy - - al he says: "It's a pi - ty love should be crossed. I am thy
po - or & sin - gle sai - lor; man - y a ti - me the wide o - cean crossed"
7. He p - - ulled his hand out of his
bos - - om, his fin - gers be - in' both long & small; show - in' her the
ring that they broke be - - twixt them, & when she saw it do - wn she did fall
8. He picked her up all in his arms, sir, & gave her kiss - es, 1 2 &
3 say - in'; "I am thy po - or & sin - gle sai - lor, I'm just re - tur - ned for to mar - ry thee".
9. Now to the church they went to - - ge - ther, & they got mar - ried there with
joy. And they got mar - ried joined to each o - ther, so there's an e - nd of my sai - lor boy

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Notes: Percy Grainger Manuscript Collection (PG/5/225).

Tune and lyrics <http://www.vwml.org/record/PG/5/225>'

Percy writes "2nd version" below the title implying he also collected this from another singer at the same location/date.

Verse 5 has no music specified - verse 4's music was used.

The 3/4 time signature of the final line was not specified in the MS but is derived from the music.