

The Sailor and the Soldier

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Said the soldier to the sailor "'I'm going to pray
And the first that we'll pray for will be for good cheer
That we may live happy and have plenty of beer
For where we got one gallon, I wish we hae ten
We'd never want for strong beer," Said the soldier "Amen!"
2. "And the next that we'll pray for will be for relief
That we may live happy and have plenty of beef.
For where we got one pound I wish we had ten
3. "And the next that we'll pray for will be for the Queen
So long may she live and so long may she reign.
For of all pinch-backs and pinch-bellies of all poor men
The Devil double-trebled never!" Said the sailor "Amen!"

Source: Bill Williams (84) from May Hill. Collected by Peter Kennedy in Gloucester 1957

Notes: The singer sang verses 2 and 3 to repeats of the last 8 bars, i.e. from bar 17 plus the upbeat.
It would be more logical to sing from bar 9 plus the upbeat.