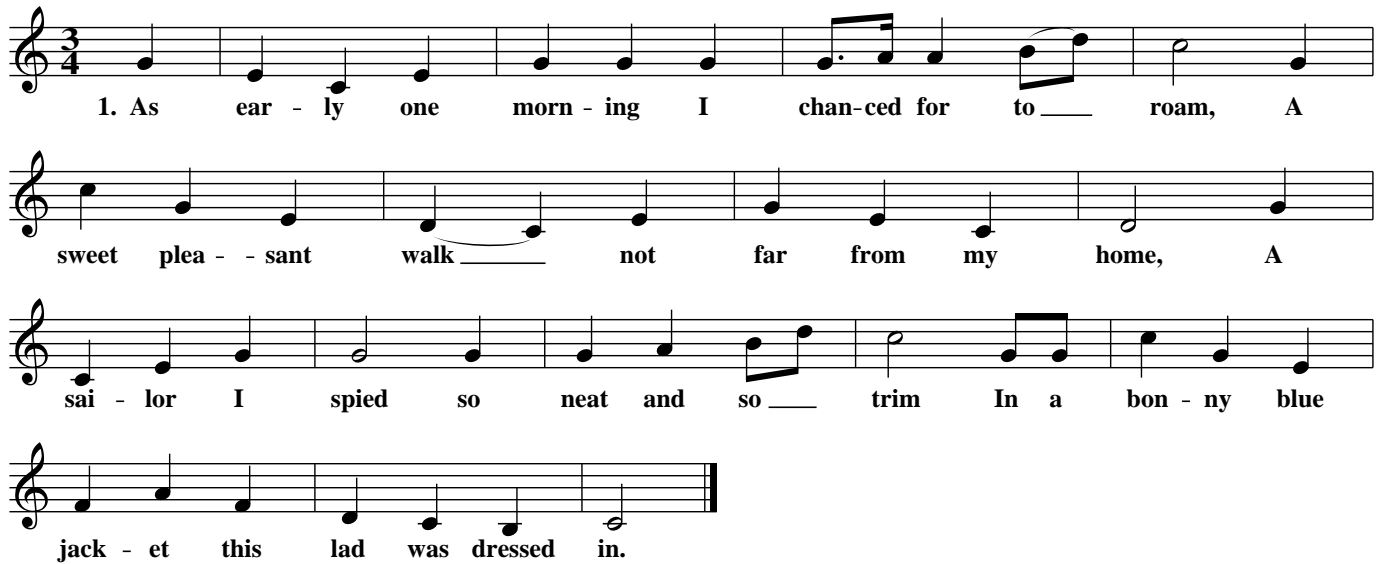


Bonny Blue Jacket



1. As early one morning I chanced for to road
A sweet pleasant walk not far from my home
A sailor I spied so neat and so trim
In a bonny blue jacket this lad was dressed in.
2. His cheeks they were red, his eyes they were blue
His look it was smiling, only equalled by few
And then to accost him I thought it no sin
In a bonny blue jacket this lad was dressed in.
3. I said "My fine youth, I fear you're astray
Prithee now tell me, what brough you this way?"
"It's a damsel I wanted whose heart I did win
In my bonny blue jacket that I was dressed in."
4. "From a glorious engagement now I am just returned
For to marry the maid for whom my heart burns.
Against the proud Turk I fought through thick and thin
In the bonny blue jacket that I was dressed in."
5. "I pray thee now tell me, fair stranger" I said
"The name and the place of this lovely maid
Whose hand you have promised, whose heart you have won
In the bonny blue jacket that you have got on."
6. And when he described her, she sank in his arms
Crying "William, dear William, pray don't feel alarmed"
Saying "I am the maid whose fair heart you won
By the bonny blue jacket that you have got on."

7. To church they did go, without more delay
And married they were the very next day
With his wife and his children he will merrily sing
By the bonny blue jacket that he is dressed in,

Source: Sung by Charles Woodward, Ebrington, noted by Cecil Sharp, 10th September 1909
Mr Woodward only sang the first verse, The remaining text has been supplied from a broadside.

© Gloucestershire Traditions