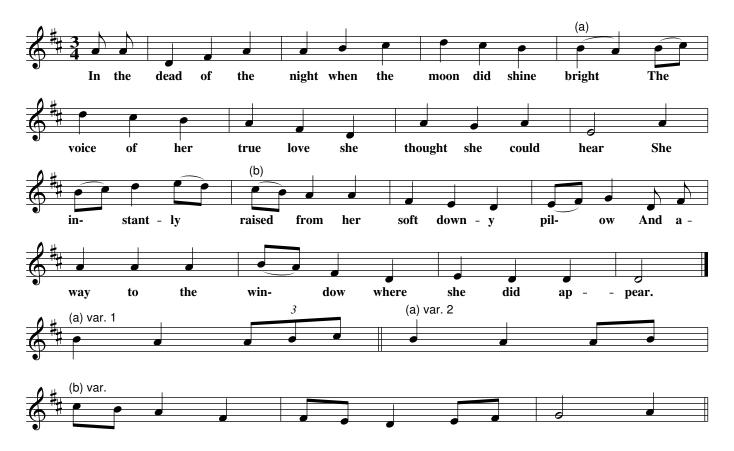
Pretty Nancy Of Yarmouth

(Jemmie and Nancy of Yarmouth)



Soon after I found that young Jimmy kept coming A letter I wrote to the boat's man-o-war Saying a handsome reward I duly will give you If the life of young Jimmy you can but destroy

As I was a-walking all on deck together
Walking and talking I ordered it so
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The body of young Jimmy overboard they did throw.

In the dead of the night when the moon did shine bright The voice of her true love she thought she could hear. She instantly raised from her soft downy pillow And away to the window where she did appear.

"Crying Hush Billy (sic) boy, father will hear us We both shall be ruined so great is my fear Go you down to yonder sea shore and there I will meet you And with my two servants to wait on you there."

And when she came there the spirit unfold her. More paler than death he appeared to be "This is not the young man that I did admire More paler than death he appears unto me."

"Yes, this is the young man that you do admire Either dead or alive I'll prove constant to thee And for to be true love thou must follow after For my body lies buried in the watery deep."

"Yes, Jimmy boy I will follow after And on thy cold bosom I'll take a sound sleep." And very soon after the unfortunate lady Her body lay buried in the watery deep.

Source: William Hedges (76), Chipping Campden. Collected by Cecil Sharp, 10 August 1909. Notes: Sharp entitled the tune transcript "Pretty Nancy of Yarmouth" but on the transcription of the words, he changed this to "Jemmie and Nancy of Yarmouth"

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