

The Jolly Butcher

Great Big Sea

CHORUS:

Oh won't you come along with me love

Come along with me!

Come for one night and be my wife

And come along with me

Well it is of the jolly butcher as you might plainly see

As he roved out one morning in search of company

He went into a tavern and a fair girl he did see

Ah come for one night, be my wife, oh come along with me

He called for liquor of the best

And he makes such fortune play

Come have a drink, it will make us think

That it is our wedding day

CHORUS

Well he called for a candle to light their way to bed

And when he had her in the room these words to her he said,

"A sovereign I will give to you, for to embrace your charms"

And all that night, that fair young maid, lied in the butchers' arms

CHORUS

Oh, Early the next morning be sure it went his way

He looked unto that fair young maid and unto her did say,

"That sovereign that I gave to you, do not think me strange,

Well that sovereign that I gave to you will you give me back me change!"

CHORUS

Well about a 12 months later he roved out once more

And he went into the tavern where he'd often been before

He wasn't in there very long when his fair maid he did see

And she brought forth a baby three months old and placed it on his knee

When he saw the baby, he began to curse and swear

And he said unto that fair young maid, "Why did you bring him here?!"

"Well he is your own, kind sir", she said, "Do not think me strange,

Well that sovereign that you gave to me, I gives you back your change!!"

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