One Morning In May

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One morning, one morning in May I spied a young couple, they were making their way One was a maiden so bright and so fair And the other was a soldier and a brave volunteer Good morning, good morning, good morning said he And where are you going my pretty lady I'm going out a walking on the banks of the sea Just to see the waters gliding hear the nightingale sing Now they had not been standing but a minute or two And out of his knapsack a fiddle he drew And the tune that he played made the valleys all ring Oh hark cried the maiden hear the nightingale sing Oh maiden fair maiden its time to give over Oh no, kind soldier please play one tune more For I'd rather hear your fiddle at the touch of one string Than to see the waters gliding hear the nightingale sing Oh soldier kind soldier will you marry me? Oh no, pretty maiden that never shall be I've a wife in London and children twice three Two wives and the armies too many for me Well I'll go back to London and I'll stay there for a year Its often that I'll think of you my little dear And if ever I return it will be in the spring Just to see the waters gliding hear the nightingale sing To see the waters gliding hear the nightingale sing

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