

When First I Came to Caledonia

Ten Strings and a Goat Skin

When first I came to Caledonia
and I got loadin' at number 3
I got lodging from Donny Norman
he had a daughter could make good tea

And it was me and my brother Charlie
2 bigger shavers you ne'er did see
spearing eels in the month of April
starving slaves out on Scatarie

I went to Norman to buy some brochan
a cake of soap and a pound of tea
but Norman said I could not have them
'til fish got plenty on Scatarie

So I went over to the big harbour
I only went for to see the spray
I saw a maid from Bouladrie over
she looked to me like the queen of may

If I had pen from Pennsylvania
and I had paper so snowy white
and I had ink of a rosy morning
a true love letter to you I'd write

I put my foot on the deepest ocean
as far from land as I once could be
sailin' over the deepest water
a woman's love never bothered me

I set my head to a cask of brandy
and it's a dandy I do declare
for when I'm drinking I'm sad and thinking
how I could gain that young lady fair

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