

# 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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