

# Caledonia

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A sailor and his true love sat doon to mak' their moan  
When by cam' ane o' their ain countrymen  
Sayin', Rise up my bonnie lassie, mak' haste and come awa'  
There's a vessel lyin' bound for CaledoniaWell, said the sailor, Are ye willing for to pay  
Five hundred guineas before on board ye gae  
I'll pay them plack and farthing, before on board I go  
If you'll tak' me tae my bonnie CaledoniaWell, said the sailor, Her money we will tak'  
And when we're on sea, we will throw her over deck  
Or sell her for a slave, lang or e'er she win awa'  
And she'll never see her bonnie CaledoniaWell, said the captain, That'll never do  
For there are no slaves sold til oor country noo  
They would hang us ane and a', they would hang us every man  
If we sold her for a slave in Caledonia  
Well, said the sailor, She's lyin' doon below  
She's bound hand and foot ready overboard to throw  
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And she'll never see her bonnie CaledoniaSo the captain away to the fair maid has gane  
Sayin', What is the reason that ye lie here so lang  
And what is the reason that you're lying here at all  
For ye've paid your passage dear to CaledoniaOh, says the lassie, Oh woe is me  
That ever I was born sic hardships for to see  
For the sailor's got a lassie he likes better far than me  
And it causes me to weep for CaledoniaSo the captain away to the sailor has gane  
He's ta'en him by the neck and him overboard has thrown  
Saying, Tak' this cup o' water, though the liquor be but sma'  
And drink your lassie's health tae Caledonia  
And they've sailed east, and they've sailed west  
Until they reached the land that they all loved the best  
For the waves they did roar and the seas they did beat  
And they've all arrived safe to CaledoniaAnd they hadnae been there but threequarters o' a year  
When fine silks and satins he's made her for to wear  
When in fine silks and satins he's made her for to go  
Now she's the captain's wife in Caledonia  
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