



Lovely Nancy

(in C)

Arranged by

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Arranger's notes

This is a lovely song from The Full English digital archive (www.vwml.org). I arranged the piece as part of The Full English Community Choir day held at Sage Gateshead in 2014.

You may wish to sing a shorted version and that is totally fine but make sure, when picking which verses to sing, that you don't miss out any important details to the story.

I wanted to create an arrangement that was accessible but that sounded clean and not empty. I don't often work with chord symbols but the chords really fill out the texture.

I hope you enjoy it.

Kathryn

Kathryn Davidson

Kathryn is Folk Strand Leader for Sage Gateshead's Learning and Participation department and holds a degree in Folk and Traditional Music from Newcastle University. Nationally sought-after as a choir leader and vocal tutor, her approach is flexible and tailored to her pupils.

As a choir leader she creates bespoke arrangements of folk songs, often from her native Northumberland. Her debut solo album *The Lass will Not Learn* was released in 2012 and she codirects the Folkworks Adult Summer Schools. Kathryn worked on two schools projects for The Full English, and also ran a community choir event at Sage Gateshead drawing on material from The Full English digital archive.



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Adieu my lovely Nancy
Ten thousand times adieu
I'm going to cross the ocean
to seek for something new
Go and change your ring with me my dear
Go and change your ring with me
Oh it might be a token of our love
When I am on the sea

You gentlemen and strangers
That lie snoring fast asleep
While we poor jolly sailors
Are ploughing on the deep
Our officers commanded us
And then we must obey
Expecting every moment
For to be cast away

When I am on the sea my love
You know not where I am
But letters I will write to you
From every foreign land
With the secrets of my mind, my dear
And the best of my good will
And let me body be where it will
My heart is with you still

Now that the storm is over
And we are safe ashore
We'll drink to our wives and sweethearts
And the girls who we do adore
We'll call for liquors merrily
And spend our money free
And when our money is all gone
We'll boldly go to sea

See how the storm is rising
See how it's coming on
While we poor jolly Jack Tars
Are fighting for the crown
Our captain he commanded us
And him we must obey
Expecting every moment
For to be cast away

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C C/E F

A - dieu my love - ly Nan - cy, ten thou-sand times a - dieu, I'm

C C/E F

A - dieu my love - ly Nan - cy, ten thou-sand times a - dieu, I'm

5 C C/E Am G7

go ing_ to cross the Oc - ean, to seek for some thing new. go and

C C/E Am G7

go ing_ to cross the oc - ean, to seek for some-thing new. go and

9 C C/E F G

change your ring with_ me my dear, go and change your ring_ with_ me. Oh it

C C/E F G

change your ring with me my dear, go change your ring_ with me Oh it

13 F C/E G C

might be a to - ken of_ our_ love when I am on_ the sea.

F C/E G C

might be a to - ken of_ our_ love when I am on the sea.



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