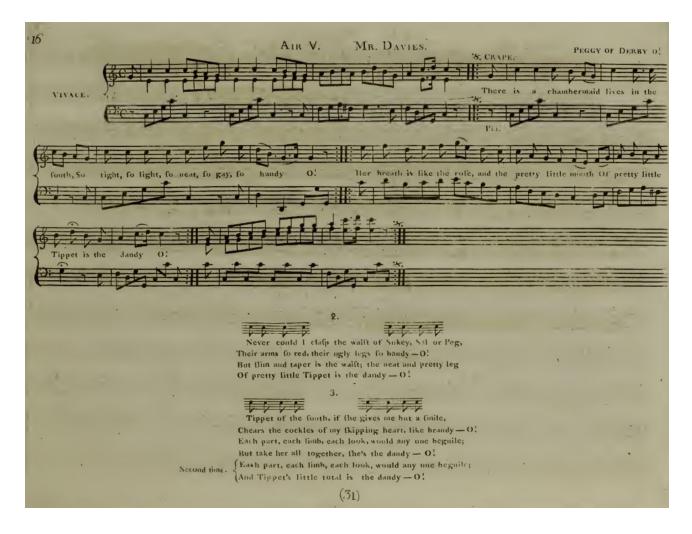
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"Pretty Peggy of Darby O," music and dance instructions from Thomas Skillern's *Twenty Four Country Dances for the Year 1782*. Image from the English Folk Dance and Song Society.



There is a chambermaid lives in the South, So tight, so light, so neat, so gay, so handy-o! Her breath is like the rose, and the pretty little mouth Of pretty little Tippet is the dandy-o!

Never could I clasp the waste of Sukey, Sal, or Peg, Their arms so red, their ugly legs so bandy-o! But slim and taper is the waist; the neat and pretty leg Of pretty little Tippet is the dandy-o!

Tippet of the South, if she gives me but a smile, Chears the cockles of my skipping heart, like brandy-o! Each part, each limb, each look, would any one beguile; But take her altogether, she's the dandy-o!

Arnold, Dr. Samuel, Two to One; A Comic Opera. July 5, 1784, 16.

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L'Ec. Certainly, Captain, I do wish you joy, when a man has once determined upon matrimony he acts wisely to collect the congratulations of his friends beforehand, for heaven only knows, whether there may be any opportunity for them afterwards. May I take the freedom to enquire the lady?

Flor. 'Tis She-L'Eclair, 'tis she, the only

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Flor. Tush! man, 'tis not by form or feature I compute my prize. Geraldine's mind, not her beauty, is the magnet of my love. The graces are the fugitive handmaids of youth, and dress their charge with flowers as fleeting as they are fair; but the virtues faithfully o'erwatch the couch of age, and when the flaunting rose has wither'd, twine the cheerful evergreen, crowning true lovers freshly to Exit. the last !

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SONG.

A Landlady of France, she loved an officer, 'tis said, And this officer he dearly loved her brandy, oh! Sigh'd she, " I love this officer, although his nose is red," " And his legs are what his regiment call bandy, oh." 0

But when the bandy officer was order'd to the coast; How she tore her lovely locks that look'd so sandy, oh ? "Adieu my soul !" says she, " if you write, pray pay the post," " But before we part, let's take a drop of brandy, oh !"

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" And 'tis better, with my tent, to take some brandy, oh !

SCENE II. The Cottage.

Enter MONICA and BERTRAND.

Mon. In truth, Sir, I have told you every circumstance I know concerning my poor lodger. But wherefore so particular in your enquiries ?

Bert. Trust me, I have important motives for my curiosity-Seventeen years ago, I think you said-and in the woods near Albi?

Mon. Aye, aye, I was accurate both in time and place.

Bert. Every incident concurs. Gracious heaven ! should it prove-my good woman, I suspect this unfortunate person is known to me-bring me directly to the sight of her ! Mon. Hold! Sir, I must know you better first;

I fear me, this poor creature has been hardly dealt with, who knows, but you may be her enemy?

Bert. No, no, her friend-her firm and faithful friend-suspence distracts me, lead me to her presence instantly !

Mon. Well, well, truly, Sir ! you look and speak like an honest gentleman; but tho' I consent, I doubt whether my lodger will receive you, her mind is ill at ease for visitors-All last night I overheard her pacing up and down her chamber,

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The Foundling of the Forest: A Play in Three Acts. Dimond, William. Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme: London (1809). https://archive.org/stream/foundlingoffores00dimoiala#page/40/mode/2up/search/landlady

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grove ?" while a third, in all the ripe round plumpness of uneasy health, calls the modest blood to my finger's ends, by requesting me, " to adjust some error in the pinning of her kerchief." O, captain, captain, heroes are but men, men but flesh, and flesh is but weakness ; therefore, let us briefly put on a parthian valor, and strive to conquer by a flight !

Flor. Knave ! prate of deserting these dear precious scenes again, and I'll finish your career myself by a coup-de-main. No, no; change churlish drums and braying trumpets to melifluous flutes. I am to be married-varlet, wish me joy.

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The English and American Stage, Vol. XXXI. Longworth, D. New York City (1810), 40. https://books.google.com/books?id=eT4ZAAAAYAAJ

"The Constitution and the Guerriere" (c.1812)

It often has been told that the British seamen bold Could thrash the tars of France quite neat and handy-O; But they never met their match till the Yankees they did tach For the Yankee tars at fighting are the dandy-O.¹

Cox, John Harrington, Folk-songs of the South, 1925, 257.

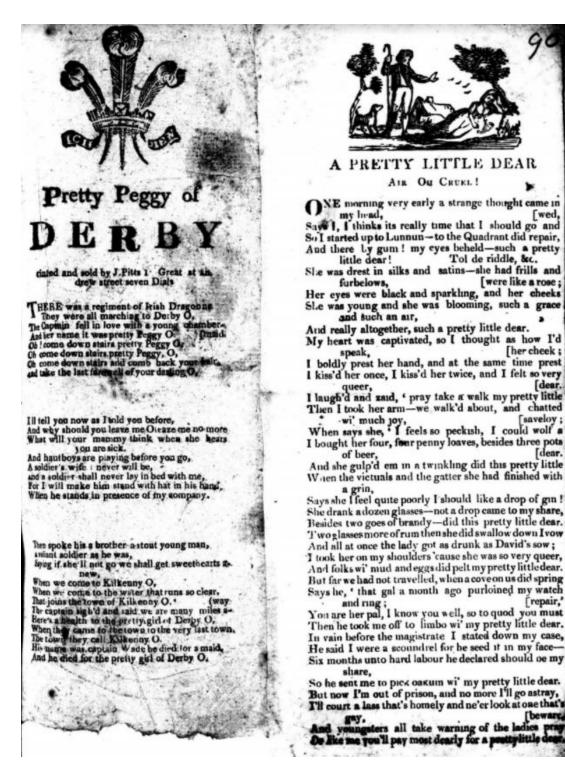
¹ Cox includes the following footnote after his transcription, about the unreadability of this particular word: "MS. illegible. *Star* has: *did them catch*." Obviously, "catch" would rhyme better here and make more sense in context, and I'm inclined to think that the 1817 *American Star* printing had better judgement on this that a 1925 songster. It is unclear why Cox chose to change the word in his transcription.

"The Chesapeake and the Shannon" (c.1813)

The Chesapeake so bold, Out of Boston as we're told, Came to take the British frigate neat and handy O. The people all in port, They came out to see the sport And their music played up Yankee Doodle Dandy O

Laws, George. American Balladry from British Broadsides, 1957, 138.

Pitts (c.1802-1870), London



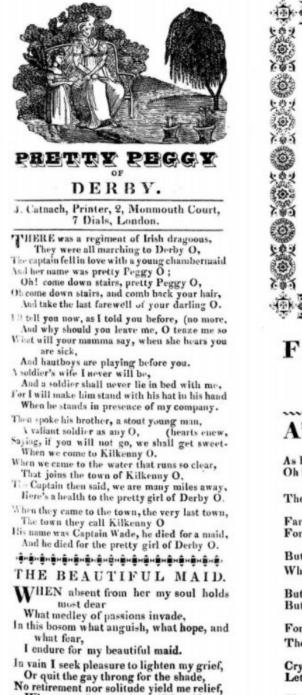
"Pretty Peggy of Darby" from a London broadside by John Pitts. Image from the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.

Unknown Printer (c.1802-1870), London



"Pretty Peggy of Darby" from a London broadside by an unknown printer. Image from the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.

Catnach (c.1802-1870), London



When away from my beautiful maid.

Printed by J. Catnach, 2. Monmouth Court, 7 Dials, London. Where Shopkeepers and Travellers may be supplied with the largest assortment of Sheets, Half-sheets, Slips, Children's Books, &c., in the biotector kingdom. THE FISHERMANS A S along yon sea side I chanc'd for to stray A poor Fisherman's boy came wandering that way. [cry'd, As he look'd on the sea how he sighed and Oh ! how the winds blow'd when my poor father died. The morn father left me just here where I [more see land, stand, Far, far was the thought that he'd ne'er For so bright was the sky, and fair was the [father died. tide, But at night the wind blow'd, and my poor Where yon palace stands, stood my grandfather's cot, my lot; But oh ! now how chang'd is the scene and But scenes they will change like the wind [ther died. and the tide, For how the winds blew when my poor fa-The poor Fisherman's Boy then dropt down by the sea, [me: Crying, this is the spot where my father left Let this be my grave—but the last words he fand died. sighed,

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Oh ! how the winds blew,-then sunk down

"Pretty Peggy of Darby" from a London broadside by John Catnach. Image from the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.

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Moore's Irish Melodies (1852, first printing c.1807), Ireland

Note: tempo marking is "Plaintively"

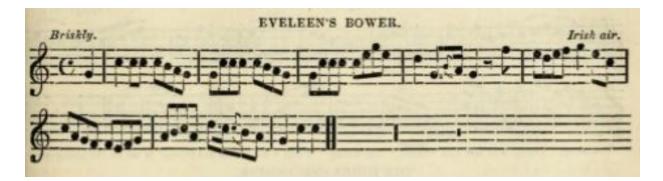
Oh! weep for the hour, When to Eveleen's bower, The Lord of the Valley with false vows came; The moon hid her light, From the heavens that night, And wept behind her clouds o'er the maiden's shame.

The clouds pass'd soon From the chaste cold moon, And heaven smiled again with her vestal flame; But none will see the day, When the clouds shall pass away, Which that dark hour left upon Eveleen's fame. The white snow lay On the narrow path-way, When the Lord of the Valley cross'd over the moor; And many a deep print On the white snow's tint Show'd the track of his footstep to Eveleen's door.

The next sun's ray Soon melted away Every trace on the path where the false Lord came; But there's a light above, Which alone can remove That stain upon the snow of fair Eveleen's fame.

Moore's Irish Melodies, with Symphonies and Accompaniments by Sir John Stevenson. Stevenson, John, comp. and arr. and Thomas Moore, Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co. (1852), 46-47.

"Eveleen's Bower" in *Hamilton's Universal Tune-Book: A Collection of the Melodies of all Nations* (Glasgow - 1853)



Note: tempo marking is "Briskly"

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"Eveleen's Bower" in P.M. Haverty's One Hundred Irish Airs (New York - 1858)

Note: tempo marking is "Allegretto"

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"Pretty Peggy of Derby" as it appears in Lyle's Ancient Ballads And Songs (1827)

PRETTY PEG OF DERBY.

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A Captain of Irish Dragoons on parade, While his regiment was stationed in Derby, O, Fell in love, as it is said, With a young blooming maid, Though he sued in vain to win pretty Peggy, O.

To-morrow I must leave thee, pretty Peggy, O, Though my absence may not grieve thee, pretty Peggy, O, Braid up thy yellow hair, Ere thou tripp'st it down the stair, And take farewell of me, thy soldier laddie, O.

Ere the dawn's reveillie sounds to march, I'm ready, O, To make my pretty Peg a Captain's lady, O, Then, what would your mammy think, To hear the guineas clink, And the hautboys playing before thee, O.

Must I tell you, says she, as I've told you before, With your proffers of love, not to tease me more, For I never do intend, Ere to go to foreign land, Or follow to the wars a soldier laddie, O.

Out spake a brother officer, the gallant De Lorn, As he eyed the haughty maiden, with pity and scorn, Never mind, we'll have gallore Of pretty girls more, When we've come to the town of Kilkenny, O. THE SHANNON SIDE.

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But when they had come to Kilkenny, O, Where the damsels were lovely and many, O, Sighing deeply, he would say, Though we're many miles away, Let us pledge a health to pretty Peg of Derby, O.

Collated with a copy taken down from recitation, we never having seen the original Ballad in print. The opening stanza of this once popular piece, whose air has been adapted to songs without number, and latterly, by Moor, for his " Eveleen's Bower," is the best, which we here present to our readers in its original dress:

> O there was a regiment of Irish dragoons, And they were marching through Derby, O, The Captain fell in love With a young chamber-maid, And her *name* it was called pretty Peggy, O.

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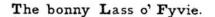
'Twas in the month of April, One morning by the dawn,
When violets and cowslips, Bestrewed every lawn,
Where Flora's flowery mantle, Bedeck'd the fields with pride,
I met a lovely damsel, Down by the Shannon side.

"Good-morrow, pretty fair one," To the maiden I did say; "Why are you up so early, And how far go you this way?"

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"The Bonny Lass O' Fyvie" as it appears in Christie's Traditional Ballad Airs (1876)

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The Editor arranged this Air from two sets, one sung by his paternal grandmother to "The bonny Lass o' Fyvie", the other sung to "Barbara Allan" by his maternal grandmother. The Ballad is given from the recitation of a native of Monquhitter, with some alterations from a native of Banffshire, who knows many of the traditional Ballad Airs and Ballads sung in the three north-eastern Counties of Scotland. He was of opinion that the Ballad was composed after a company of Dragoons had escorted the O'Connors to Fort-George, who had been engaged in the Irish rebellion in 1798. If so, this would account for the "Irish Dragoons" in the Ballad. The Dragoons may have been at "Lewes of Fyvie" on their way to, or from Fort-George. The Ballad and Air are still known in different forms in the Counties of Aberdeen and Banff. Eight lines of the ballad are omitted.

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The Bonny Lass o' Fyvie.

GREEN, green grows the birks on sweet Ythan side, And low lies the bonny Lewes o' Fyvie ; In Fyvie there's bonny, in Fyvie there's braw, In Fyvie there's bonny lasses mony. There cam' a troop o' Irish Dragoons, And they were quarter'd in Fyvie ; Their captain has fa'en in love wi' a lass, That by a' was ca'd pretty Peggy.

" Come down the stair, pretty Peggy," he said, "Come down the stair, pretty Peggy ; Come down the stair, comb back your yellow hair,

Tak' fareweel o' your mammy and your daddie.

And the hautboys playing before you?"

"Little would my mammy think to hear the guineas clink, And every man on horseback did ride, If I follow'd a soldier laddie."

"A single soldier's wife you shall never be. For you'll be the captain's lady ;

I'll make my men stand, with their hats in their hand, And when they cam' to bonny Aberdeen, In the presence of you, pretty Peggy."

The captain he cried, " Let us tarry ; Oh, gangna awa' this day yet or twa,

Till we see gin the bonny lass will marry."

"I've gi'en you my answer, kind sir," she said, "And you needna ask me nae farther ; I do not intend to go to a foreign land, And I'd scorn to follow a soldier." Then out did speak the drum-major's wife,-"Oh dear, but ye are saucy, There's mony a bonnier lassie than you, Has follow'd a soldier laddie.

"But gin I were on my high horse set, And riding on to old England, I would ne'er turn my horse's head about, For a' your Fyvie women." What would your mammy think to hear the guineas clink, Then the pipes play'd on by Ythan side, Awa' frae the bonny Lewes o' Fyvie ; But behind them they left pretty Peggy.

> And ere they cam' to the brig o' Dyce, They got their captain to carry ;

They got their captain to bury.

But the colonel he cried "Come, mount, boys, mount," He was ca'd Captain Ward, and he died on the guard, He died for love of pretty Peggy ; And said, "When I am gone, you'll let it be known,

That I died for the bonny lass o' Fyvie."

In one of the copies of the Ballad sent to the Editor, the hero is called "Captain Ned," in another "Captain Ade." He has given the name "Captain Ward," from the copy referred to in the note.

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| Pitts (c. 1802-1870) | Lyle (1827) | Christie (1876) |
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| Oh! come down stairs pretty Peggy O, Oh come down stairs pretty Peggy, O, Oh come down stairs and comb back your hair, and take the last farewell of your darling O. | To-morrow I must leave thee, pretty Peggy, O, Though my absence may not grieve thee, pretty Peggy, O, Braid up thy yellow hair, ere thou tripp'st it down the stair, And take farewell of me, thy soldier laddie, O. | "Come down the stair, pretty Peggy," he said, "Come down the stair, pretty Peggy; Come down the stair, comb back your yellow hair, Tak' fareweel o' your mammy and your daddie. |
| l'll tell you now as I told you before, And why should you leave me O, leave me no more, What will you mammy think when she hears you are sick. And hautboys are playing before you go, | Ere the dawn's reveillie sounds to march, I'm ready O To make my pretty Peg a Captain's lady, O, Then, what would your mammy think, to hear the guineas clink, And the hautboys playing before thee, O. | What would your mammy think to hear the guineas clink, And the hautboys playing before you?" "Little would my mammy think to hear the guineas clink, If I follow'd a soldier laddie." |
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| Then spoke his a brother a stout young man, A valiant soldier as he was, Saying if she'll not go we shall get sweethearts anew When we come to Kilkenny O, | Out spake a brother officer, the gallant De Lorn, As he eyed the haughty maiden, with pity and scorn, Never mind, we'll have gallore, of pretty girls more, When we've come to the toon of Kilkenny, O. | Then out did speak the drum-major's wife, "Oh dear, but ye are saucy, There's mony a bonnier lassie than you, Has follow'd a soldier laddie." |

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When we come to the water that runs so clear, That joins the town of Kilkenny O. The captain sigh'd and said we are many miles away Here's a health to the pretty girl of Derby O,

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When they came to the town to the very last town, The town they call Kilkenny O. His name was captain Wade he died for a maid, And he died for the pretty girl of Derby O.² He was ca'd Captain Ward, and he died on the guard, He died for love of pretty Peggy; And said, "When I am gone, you'll let it be known, That I died for the bonny lass o' Fyvie."

See Appendix I for more detailed citations of each source.

² Pitts broadside, VWML

| Year | Song Number | Melodic Group |
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| 1908 | 007_Combs | Generic American |
| 1911 | 016_Shearin | N/A |
| 1916 | 008_Gentry | Minor |
| 1916 | 058_Campbell | Generic American |
| 1935 | 023_Johnson[1] | Generic American |
| 1936 | 028_Swetnam | N/A |
| 1992 | 060_Wallin[2] | Generic American |

Field Recordings of "Peggy" that contain the "lady like a dove" line.

[1] This version actually has the line "Davy Jones fell in love with a pretty little dove."

[2] This version actually has the line "Our captain fell in love with a maiden like a dove."