

## The Lady Leroy

As I went a-walking one morning in May  
A-viewing wild flowers, all nature seemed gay,  
I spied a young couple on Erin's green shore  
They were viewing the ocean where the wild billows roar.

He said "Pretty Polly you`re the girl I adore  
To be parted from you it grieves my heart sore,  
Your parents are rich love and angry with me  
And if I tarry with you, I ruined will be.

She's dressed herself up in a suit of men's clothes  
And to her old father she immediately goes  
She purchased a ship and laid down the demand  
It was little he knew t'was from his own daughter's hand.

She went back to her true love and this she did say:  
"Hurry up lovely Johnny, there's no time to stay!"  
They hoisted their topsails and hurrahed with joy  
And away o'er the ocean sailed the Lady Leroy.

When her father found out how he cursed and did swear,  
He sent for his captain and bade him prepare.  
He spied a fair vessel with her colours let fly  
And he hailed her and found she was the Lady Leroy.

He`s bade them return to old Ireland once more  
Or broadside and broadside upon them would pour.  
This brave Irish hero has made this reply:  
"We will never surrender, we will conquer or die!"

Then it`s broadside and broadside on each other did pour  
And louder and louder the cannons did roar.  
This brave Irish hero has gained victory  
Hurrah for true lovers, may they always run free.

They`ve landed in Boston that city of fame.  
Of the other ship's commander I'll mention no name.  
Here`s a health to pretty Polly, long may she enjoy  
Her bravest of lovers and the Lady Leroy!

Dag – lead vocal, guitar  
Gideon – bouzouki  
Esbjörn – fiddel, vocal  
Staffan – double bass

Traditional  
Arranged by Quilty

Detta är visan om ett ungt kärlekspar och deras äventyrliga kamp för att få varandra. Hennes far, den förmögne skeppsredaren, vägrar att ge sitt medgivande till deras kärlek. Men kvinnan trotsar sin fars ogillande och genom en list lyckas hon att tillskansa sig hans finaste fartyg och segla iväg med sin älskare mot Amerika. Äventyret kulminerar i en sjöstrid där förföljarens skepp sjunker och det älskande paret Polly och Johnny startar ett nytt liv tillsammans i Boston.

English:

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This is a song about a young couple in love and their adventurous struggle to be together. Her father, the wealthy shipowner, refuses to consent to their love. But the woman defies her father's disapproval by secretly buying a ship from him and sailing off with her lover towards America. The adventure culminates in a naval battle in which the pursuer's ship sinks and the loving couple starts a new life together in Boston.