

THE ROUT OF THE BLUES

Traditional

AS I CROSSED OVER SALISBURY PLAIN,
SUCH A DAINTY FINE SIGHT I BEHOLD,
ALL THE LASSES ARE CRYING AND TEARING THEIR HAIR,
FOR THE ROUT HAS JUST COME FOR THE BLUES
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THEN EACH ONE HOME TO THEIR MOTHER DOES RUN,
SAYING MY HEART IS UNDONE IT IS TRUE,
I'LL PACK UP MY CLOTHES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY
AND BOLDLY I'LL MARCH WITH THE BLUES.
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THE LANDLORD AND LANDLADY WALK HAND IN HAND,
AND SO DO THEIR PRETTY GIRLS TOO
AND EACH ONE POURS OUT A BOTTLE OF GIN,
TO DRINK A GOOD HEALTH TO THE BLUES
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OUR SHIP IS WELL RIGGED AND SHE'S READY TO SAIL
HOW SWEETLY THE FRENCH HORNS PLAY TOO
EACH ONE OF US SETS UP A CRY AND A CHEER
SUCCESS TO KING GEORGE AND HIS BLUES.
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THEY'RE AS GALLANT YOUNG FELLOWS AS EVER YOU'LL SEE
THOUGH YOU SEARCH BONNY BRITAIN ALL THROUGH
WHEN DRESSED IN HIS MAJESTY'S SUIT YOU'LL AGREE
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