

Adieu Sweet Lovely Nancy

from the Copper Family

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(copied from the Copper Family Song Book, with a couple of slight adjustments)

Here's adieu, sweet lovely Nancy, ten thousand times adieu,
I'm a-going around the ocean, love, to seek for something new.
Come change your ring with me, dear girl, Come change your ring with me,
For it might be a token of true love, while I am on the sea.

When I am far upon the sea, you know not where I am,
Kind letters I will write to you from every foreign land.
The secrets of your heart, dear girl, are the best of my goodwill,
So let my body be where it might, my heart shall be with you still.

There's a heavy storm a-rising. See how it gathers round,
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are fighting for the Crown.
There is nothing to protect us, love, or to keep us from the cold,
On the ocean wide, where we must bide, like jolly seamen bold.

There are tinkers, tailors and shoemakers lie snoring fast asleep
While we poor souls on the ocean wide are ploughing through the deep.
Our officers command us now and them we must obey,
Expecting every moment, for to get cast away.

But when the wars are all over, there'll be peace on every shore,
We'll return to our wives and families and the girls that we adore.
We will call for liquor merrily, we will spend our money free,
And when our money it is all gone, we'll boldly go to sea.