

Chorus:

Oh Colleen, love, oh Colleen love, the rout has now begun, And I must go a-marching to the beating of a drum. Come, dress your self all in your best and come along with me And I'll take you to the wars, me love, in High Germany.

Oh Willie, love, oh Willie, come list what I do say: My feet they are so tender, I can not march away And besides, my dearest Willie, I am with child be thee Not fitted for the wars, me love, in High Germany.

I'll buy for you a horse, my love, and on it you will ride And all of my delight will be in riding by your side We'll stop at every ale-house, and drink when we are dry We'll be true to one another and get married by and by.

Oh cursed be those cruel wars that ever did they rise And out of merry England pass many a man likewise; They took my true-love from me, likewise my brothers three And sent them to the wars m'love in High Germany.

My friends I do not value and my foes I do not fear For now my fine love's left me and wanders far and near But when my baby it is born and smiling on my knee I'll think of handsome Willie in High Germany.

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