

A sailor lad and a tailor lad, And they were baith for me; I wid raither tack the sailor lad, And lat the tailor be.

What can a tailor laddie dee Bit sit and sew a cloot, When the bonnie sailor laddie Can turn a ship aboot.

He can turn her east, and he can turn her west, He can turn her far awa'; He aye tells me t' keep up my hairt For the time that he's awa'. I saw 'im lower his anchor, I saw 'im as he sailed; I saw 'im cast his jacket To try and catch a whale.

He skips upon the planestanes, He sails upon the sea; A fancy man wi' a curly pow Is aye the boy for me, Is aye the boy for me; A fancy man wi' a curly pow Is aye the boy for me.

He daurna brack a biscuit, He daurna smoke a pipe; He daurna kiss a bonnie lass At ten o'clock at night.

I can wash a sailor's shirt, And I can wash it clean; I can wash a sailor's shirt, And bleach it on the green. Come a-rinkle-tinkle, fal-a-la, fal-a-la, Aboun a man-o'-war.