

My Choice

Give me a girl that laughs
I care not who she be
But if she smoozes the proverb
She is the girl for me

A loud and merry laugh
Is music to my soul
So dearer than the sparkling wine
Within the flowing bowl

A laughing elf and I
Have always been at gaz
Smiling is my antidote
To drive dull care away

Some love a pretty face
When all the graces meet
And some go off in ecstasies
At pretty little feet

We figure some admire
If she be petite or tall
And then there are some brother souls
Who have no choice at all

That heart can know no guile
Who chooses dwells within
For laughing is an antidote
To all the hosts of sin

The world may pretend to
But never ever designed
To cast their fluting shadows
Over the joyous world of mind

It is a glorious gift
That Providence bestows
At random so transient
For all our earthly woes

When laugh good ladies laugh
Be joyous while you can
For smiles are most bewitching things
To captivate a man

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The Sailors Adieu

The tear fell gently from her eyes
When she had parted on the shore
My bosom heaved with many a sigh
I think I never might see her more

Dear youth, be good and don't forget
To write me often from the port
I can not part with thee
The sailor's weight of farewell words

When next my trunk is rummaging
I don't forget to find a letter
I never can meet another mail
I never claim can for that best of them

With a sigh I cry but let it be
I don't think of you for years to come
Dear maid this last embrace my pledge shall be
The anchor weighed farewell farewell
Remember me

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Adieu my native land adieu
The vessel spreads her swelling sails
Perhaps I never more may view

Your fertile fields your flowery dale
Delusive hope can charm no more
Far from the faithless maid I roam

Unfriended seek some foreign shore
Unpitted leave my peace full home
Takeuding care what banishment cheer

Thanks to the friends that sent you here
For this may their days flow on in love & light
Oh, she sing with a voice like a lark
Oh, their cradle soon rock with a sweet baby
in it

For this may their days be seen bright