

heart falls back to E-rin's Isle, To the girl I left be-hind me.
 prom-is'd nev-er to gain-say The girl I left be-hind me.
 heart nigh broke when I an-swered "No" To the girl I left be-hind me.
 Ire-land bound, nor mes-sage need From the girl I left be-hind me.

A Song of the Sea

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Probably 100 years old

1. A sail-or's life is a rov-ing life, It robbed me of my heart's de-light,
 2. Go build me up some lit-tle boat, That I may on the o-ccean float,
 3. I had not sailed far o'er the deep, Be-fore a large ship I chanced to meet.
 4. "A deep blue jack-et he used to wear, With ro-sy cheeks and coal black hair,

And caus-ed me to la-ment and mourn, And sad-ly wait for his re-turn.
 And ev-'ry ship that I do pass by, I will in-quire for my sail-or boy.
 I said "Bold Cap-tain, O tell me true, Does my sweet Wil-liam sail with you?
 His lips were of a vel-vet fine, And oft time used to meet with mine."

5 "Oh no, fair maid, he sails not here,
 He's drowned in the deep, I fear,
 Near that lone island, which you passed by,
 You've chanced to lose your sailor boy."

7 "Now, I'll go home and write a song,
 I'll write it true, I'll write it long,
 On every line I'll shed a tear,
 On every verse, 'Fare you well, my dear.'"

6 She wrung her hands, she tore her hair,
 Like some fair maid in deep despair,
 Her boat against the rocks she run,
 Crying, "Alas, I am undone.

8 Go dig my grave both wide and deep,
 Place a marble stone at my head and feet,
 And, on my breast, a turtle dove,
 To show this world, I died for love.