

# Farewell to Nancy

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Farewell to Nancy'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'I've\_\_ trav - elled this coun - try both ear - ly and late. I've'. The second staff continues with 'trav - elled this\_\_ coun - try when hard was my fate. Fell in'. The third staff has 'love\_\_ with a pret - ty fair maid, but she does me dis - dain. Oft'. The fourth staff concludes with 'times she has slight - ed me, but I'll try her\_\_ a - gain.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and fermatas.

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trav - elled this\_\_ coun - try when hard was my fate. Fell in  
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“Oh, your parents are rich, love, and you hard to please,  
I would have you take pity on your heart-broken slave.  
I would have you leave your father and your mother also,  
And through this wide world with your darling boy go.”

“Oh, Johnnie, dear Johnnie, such advice will not do,  
For to leave my own country and to go along with you.  
My friends and old sweethearts they would mourn my sad fate,  
If I'd leave my own country to go follow a rake.”

Now my love she won't have me, and away I must go  
To the wide spreading ocean where the salt breeze does blow,  
To seek a companion it is all my design,  
“Fare you well, dearest Nancy, must I leave you behind?”

“Fare you well, dearest Nancy, and merry may you be.  
I will always think of you wherever you be,  
But since you've proved unloyal to the one that's so true,  
May the wide spreading ocean separate I and you.”

Note: I never have heard this song sung by anyone but my mother.