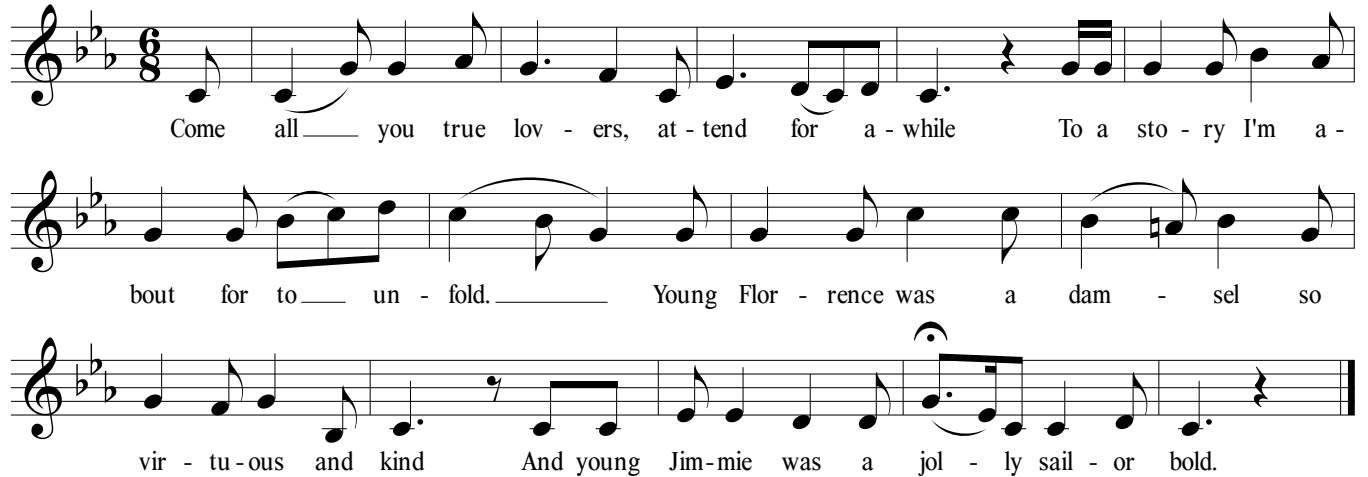


# James and Florence



Come all you true lov - ers, at - tend for a - while To a sto - ry I'm a -  
bout for to un - fold. Young Flor - rence was a dam - sel so  
vir - tu - ous and kind And young Jim - mie was a jol - ly sail - or bold.

“Adieu, lovely Florence,” one morning he did say.  
“I am called, I am forced for to go  
Unto that foreign shore where the cannon loud do roar  
And aloft when the stormy winds do blow.”

She wept in despair when these tidings she did hear,  
When Jimmie told her he must depart.  
She broke a ring in two saying, “Here’s one half with you.”  
And the other she pressed to her heart.

She wept in despair and she tore her lovely hair,  
Saying, “I am resolved for to go  
Unto that foreign shore where the cannon loud do roar  
And aloft when the stormy winds do blow.”

“Oh, Flora, dearest Flora, you surely must be mad  
To venture your sweet life upon the sea,  
When at home you might rest upon your pillow soft  
And contented at home you might stay.”

She says, “I’m not afraid and there’s none can me persuade,  
But determined I am for to go  
Unto that foreign shore where the cannon loud do roar  
And protect you when the stormy winds do blow.”

As a sailor she shipped with her true lover so bold  
And no one suspected this fair maid.  
But her gun she did stand, done her duty like a man;  
Like a Briton, she never was afraid.

Six years upon the sea young Florence she did go,  
Admired by all of the crew,  
And never was it said that young Florence was a maid  
In her trousers and jacket so blue.

Oh, when they were at large and young James got his discharge,  
It's straightway to the captain he did go.  
He says, "Behold a maid who never was afraid,  
Went aloft when the stormy winds did blow."

The captain he did stare when these tidings he did hear,  
He was suddenly overcome with surprise,  
He gazed on her so bright and he spoke with delight,  
While the tears run in torrents from his eyes.

He says, "Your love was bold. Here is fifty pounds in gold,  
And with you to get married I will go,  
For I ne'er beheld a maid who never was afraid  
Went aloft when the stormy winds did blow."

Admired by all around both in country and town,  
Respected wherever they did go,  
They talked affection soft when oft times they went aloft,  
And they listened when the stormy winds did blow.