

Great Big Sea, The Jolly Butcher

CHORUS

Oh, won't you come along with me, love.
Come along with me.
Come for the night, and be my wife.
Yeah, come along with me. Hey!

Well, it is of a jolly butcher, as you might plainly see.
As he rode on out one morning, in search of company.
He went into a tavern, and a fair girl he did see,
Aw, come for the night. Be my wife.
Just come along with me.
He called for the girl of the best,
And he made such fortune plain.
Come have a drink, and I'll make us think
That it is our wedding day.

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Well, he called for a candle, to light their way to bed.
And when he had her in the room, these words to her he said:
"A sovereign I will give to you, for to embrace your charms."
And all that night that fair young maid,
lied in the butcher's arms.

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Aw, early the next morning, the butcher went his way
He looked unto that fair young maid, and unto her did say:
"That sovereign that I gave to you, now do not think me strange,
but that sovereign that I gave to you,
Will you give me back me back me change?"

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Have a dance!

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Well, about a twelve months later
He rode on out once more
And he went into the tavern, that he'd often been before
He wasn't in there very long, when his fair maid he did see
She brought forth a baby, three months old
And placed it on his knee
Aw, when he saw the baby
He began to curse and swear
And he said unto that fair young maid:
"Why did you bring him here?"
"Well, he's your own, kind sir!" She said
"Do not think me strage."
"Well, that sovereign that you gave to me,"
"I gives you back your change!"

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