

He Called for a Candle

Traditional

The image shows a musical score for the song 'He Called for a Candle'. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. Chord symbols (D, Em, G, Bm) are placed above the notes to indicate the accompaniment. The score is divided into four lines of music.

D Em

He called fo - r a can - dle to light his way to bed and li - ke -
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maid will y - o - u g - o - o - o?

And Maggie was a young girl, she thought it was no harm
She laid her down beside him, for to keep his bosom warm
In the middle of the night, when the sailor he grew bold
He threwed into her apron five hundred pounds in gold

And it was early the next morning when Maggie's mother rose
Saying daughter dearest daughter you have thrown yourself away
You've thrown yourself away and you've birthed a baby
And you'll pass for a young girl in a foreign country

Oh Mother dearest mother oh I've done nothing wrong
For I've gold in my pocket and silver in my purse
And when the babe is born, we will pay the nurse a fee
And I'll pass for a young girl in a foreign country

And if it be's a girl child, she'll stay at home with me
And if it be's a boy, he will plow the dark blue sea
He'll plow the dark blue sea like his daddy done before
And he'll skip about the deck like a young sailor boy

And it is God bless the ocean that my love sails upon
And likewise the bonnie ship that carries him along
I'll write my love a letter and I'll seal it with a ring
And I never will be happy til my love returns again