

A-Rovin' (The maid of Amsterdam)

Traditional sea shanty

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: 'In Am-ster-dam there lived a maid, mark well what I do'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'say. In Am-ster-dam there lived a maid, and she was mis-tress of her trade. I'll'. The third staff continues: 'go no more a- roving with you, fair maid. A-'. The fourth staff continues: 'roving, a- roving, since roving's been my ru-i-in, I'll'. The fifth staff continues: 'go no more a- roving with you, fair maid.' The score ends with a double bar line.

In Am-ster-dam there lived a maid, mark well what I do
say. In Am-ster-dam there lived a maid, and she was mis-tress of her trade. I'll
go no more a- roving with you, fair maid. A-
roving, a- roving, since roving's been my ru-i-in, I'll
go no more a- roving with you, fair maid.

I took this fair maid for a walk, mark well what I do say.
I took this fair maid for a walk, she said, Young man I'd rather talk.
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid.

Refrain:

A-Roving, a-roving, since roving's been my rui-in
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid.

I put my arm around her waist, mark well what I do say.
I put my arm around her waist, she said, Young man you're in great haste.
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid. -Refrain-

She said that she'd be true to me, mark well what I do say.
She said that she'd be true to me but spent my money fast and free.
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid. -Refrain-

In three weeks' time I was badly bent, mark well what I do say.
In three weeks' time I was badly bent, and off to sea I sadly went.
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid. -Refrain-

Now when I got back home from sea, mark well what I do say.
Now when I got back home from sea, a soldier had her on his knee.
I'll go no more a-roving with you, fair maid. -Refrain-

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