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A sailor lad and a tailor lad,
  And they were baith for me;
I wid raither tack the sailor lad,
  And lat the tailor be.

What can a tailor laddie dee
  Bit sit and sew a cloot,
When the bonnie sailor laddie
  Can turn a ship aboot.

He can turn her east, and he can turn her west,
  He can turn her far awa';
He aye tells me t' keep up my hairt
  For the time that he's awa'.

I saw 'im lower his anchor,
  I saw 'im as he sailed;
I saw 'im cast his jacket
  To try and catch a whale.

He skips upon the planestanes,
  He sails upon the sea;
A fancy man wi' a curly pow
  Is aye the boy for me,
  Is aye the boy for me;
A fancy man wi' a curly pow
  Is aye the boy for me.

He daurna brack a biscuit,
  He daurna smoke a pipe;
He daurna kiss a bonnie lass
  At ten o'clock at night.

I can wash a sailor's shirt,
  And I can wash it clean;
I can wash a sailor's shirt,
  And bleach it on the green.
    Come a-rinkle-tinkle, fal-a-la, fal-a-la,
    Aboun a man-o'-war.

Gomme II.147, from Rosehearty. "A circle is formed by joining hands. They dance round and sing. Sometimes at Rosehearty two play the game by the one taking hold of the other's left hand with her right."

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