

Peggy-O

American folk song with many variations derived from the traditional Irish ballad "The Bonnie Lass of Fyvie". Bob Dylan version [here](#). ***Sing along parts*** bolded in italics.

G

As we marched down, as we marched down

D

As we marched down to Fennario

G

C

Our captain fell in love with a lady like a dove

D

G

And the name that she had was pretty Peggy-O

Come a-running down your stairs, come a-running down your stairs

Come a-running down your stairs pretty Peggy-O

Come a-running down your stairs, comb back your yellow hair

And say this winter's day that you will marry me-O

I will not marry you, I will not marry you

I will not marry you my pretty William-O

I will not marry you in your uniform of blue

For I never will marry a soldier-O

(all sing)

What will your mama say, what will your mama say

What will your mama say, pretty Peggy-O?

What will your mama say, you know you're gone gone away

And you're never ever ever comin' back-y-O

(solos)

(all sing)

What will your mama say, what will your mama say

What will your mama say, pretty Peggy-O?

What will your mama say, you know you're gone gone away

And you're never ever ever comin' back-y-O

The lieutenant is gone, the lieutenant is gone

The lieutenant is gone pretty Peggy-O

The lieutenant is gone, he's gone wrong

He's a-ridin' down to Texas with the rodeo

Our captain is dead, our captain is dead
Our captain is dead pretty Peggy-O
Our captain is dead, never to be wed
He's a-buried somewheres in Louisiana-O

Notes on the music:

We will be using the same chord progression throughout including instrumental between verses and solos.

Typical 8 bars:

G **D**
1xxx2xxx3xxx4xxx
G C D G
1xxx2xxx3xxx4xxx

Instrumental between every verse 8 bars, solos 16 bars, as many as needed.

Links:

More on the song and its history [here](#).

Grateful Dead version [here](#), with similar tribute to that by The National [here](#).

Version of The Bonnie Lass of Fyvie by the Dubliners [here](#) and the Clancy Brothers [here](#).

Other versions by Joan Baez, Simon and Garfunkel, Judy Collins and many more.