

## As I Roved Out - made popular by The Clancys and Tommy Makem

Am Em  
As I roved out on a May morning  
Am Em  
On a May morning right early  
C G  
I met my love up on the way  
Am Em Am  
Oh, Lord but she was early.

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**Chorus**

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And she sang "Lith-a-doodle,  
Lith-a-doodle, lith-a-doodle-dee,  
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And she high-di-lan-di-dee,  
And she high-di-lan-di-dee  
Am  
And she lan- day."

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**Chorus**

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Her boots were black and her stockings white  
And her buckles shone like silver  
She had a dark and a roving eye  
And her ear-rings tipped her shoulder.

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**Chorus**

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"What age are you my nice wee girl  
What age are you my honey?"  
How modestly she answered me  
"I'll be seventeen on Sunday."

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**Chorus**

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I went to her house on the top of the hill  
When the moon was shining clearly.  
She arose to let me in  
But her mammy chanced to hear her.

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**Chorus**

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She caught her by the hair of the head  
And down to the room she brought her,  
And with the root of a hazel twig  
She was the well-beat daughter.

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**Chorus**

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"Will you marry me now my soldier lad  
Will you marry me now or never?  
Will you marry me now my soldier lad  
For you see I'm done forever."

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**Chorus**

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"No I won't marry you my bonny wee girl  
I won't marry you my honey.  
For I have got a wife at home  
And how could I disown her?"

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**Chorus**

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A pint at night is my delight  
And a gallon in the morning.  
The old women are my heart break  
But the young ones is my darling.

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**Chorus**

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The lyrics to this version of As I Roved Out tell the story of young girl who tries to sneak a man into her bedroom but is caught by her mother. She ends up getting beaten by her mother and her young lover abandons her.

The chords are presented here in the key of A Minor. Tommy Makem and the Clancys play the song in the key of C Minor. Place a capo on the third fret and play to chord shapes shown here to play in C Minor.

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