

The Fairy Kings Courtship
Malinky

[Intro]

C F C F

[Verse]

C G
On the first day of May at the close of the day
C G
As I stood in the shade of a green spreading tree
C F
A young lover a-courting a maiden I spied
G C
I drew very near them to hear and to see

[Verse]

Am G
The dress that he wore was a velvet so green
Am C G
All trimmed with gold lace and as bright as the sea
C Am
And he said, "Love, I ll make you my own fairy queen
F G C
If you are but willing to go with me

[Verse]

G
"Lisses and forts shall be at your command
C G
The mountains and valleys, the land and the sea
C F
And the billows that roar along the seashore
G C
If you are but willing to go with me

[Verse]

Am G
"To make me a queen, my birth is too mean
Am C G
And you will get ladies of higher degree
C Am
I know not your name nor from whence you came
F G C
So I am not willing to go with thee•

[Verse]

G
"I will tell you my name, and I love you the same
C G

As if you were a lady of higher degree

MacAnanty s my name and from Scrabo I came

F

G

C

And the queen of that country, my love, you shall beâ€•

[Verse]

Am

G

â€œIf I were to go with one I don t know

Am

C

G

My parents and friends would be angry with me

C

Am

They d bring me back again with shame and disdain

F

G

C

So I am not willing to ramble with theeâ€•

[Verse]

G

â€œFrom your friends we will sail in a ship that won t fail

C

G

With a silken topsail and a wonderful flight

Am

C

And from misty Coleraine, to France and to Spain

F

G

C

Then back home again in one short night

[Verse]

Am

G

â€œFor there is not a fort from this to the north

Am

C

G

But we ll dance all around it and sing merrily

C

Am

And the lads of Queen Anne shall be at your command

F

G

C

And they will all stand in great dread of thee

[Verse]

G

â€œFor it s many s the mile I have roamed in my time

F

C

G

By land and by sea a-looking for thee

C

Am

For I ne er could find rest nor peace to my mind

F

G

C

Until fortune proved kind and sent you to meâ€•