

**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€•