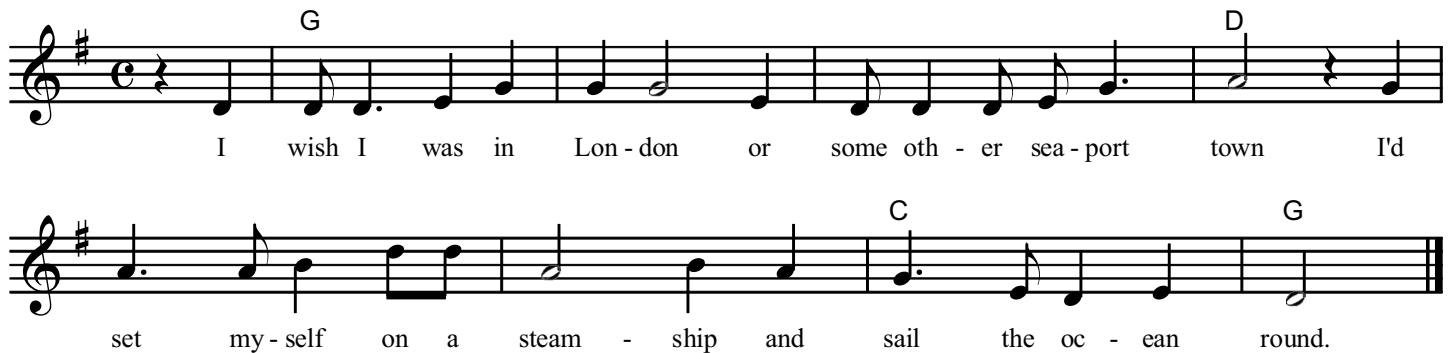


HANDSOME MOLLY

Traditional Old-Time Song; Widely known **DATE:** 1927 recording, Grayson & Whitter; **CATEGORY:** Fiddle and Instrumental Tunes; **RECORDING INFO:** Doc Watson & Gaither Carlton; Country Gentlemen; New Lost City Ramblers; Stanley Brothers; Norman Blake; Flatt & Scruggs; **NOTES:** Handsome Molly is a version of the "Irish Girl/Farewell Ballymoney" branches of tunes. Farewell Ballymoney branch includes the titles "Black-Eyed Mary" "Lovely Molly" and "Loving Hannah." This version is based on the Grayson and Whitter recording.



I wish I was in Lon - don or some oth - er sea - port town I'd
set my - self on a steam - ship and sail the oc - ean round.

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G **D**
Well I wish I was in London or some other seaport town
D **C** **G**
I'd set my foot on a steamboat sail the ocean round
G **D**
Sailin' around the ocean, sailin' around the sea
D **C** **G**
I'd think of handsome Molly wherever she may be

Her hair was black as a raven's, her eyes were bright as coal
Her teeth shone like lilies out in the morning cold
Sailin' around the ocean, sailin' around the sea
I'd think of handsome Molly wherever she may be

Do you remember Molly when you give me your right hand
Said if you ever married that I would be your man
Saw her in church last Sunday she passed me on by
I could tell her mind was changing by the roving of her eye

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Sailin' around the ocean, sailin' around the sea
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