

THE LOWLANDS OF HOLLAND

Performed by Natalie Merchant and The Cheiftains

The night that I was married and in my married bed
Up comes the bold sea captain and stands at my bed head
Saying "arise, arise, young wedded man and come along with me
To the Lowlands of Holland for to fight the enemy"

Oh, Holland is a lovely land and in it grows fine grain
It is a place of residence for soldiers to remain
Where the sugar cane grows plentiful and the tea grows on each tree
I never had but the one sweetheart and she's far away from me

"I'll wear no stays around my waist, no combs all in my hair
No handkerchief around my neck, to shade my beauty fair
And neither will I marry until the day I die
Since the high winds and the stormy seas have parted my love and I"

For the stormy winds began to blow and the seas did loudly roar
And the captain or his gallant ship were ne'er seen no more