

The German Girl

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I once fell deep in love, sir, in a true Col - on - ial way.
With a Ger - man girl who played and sang in the "Un - ion" bar all day;
I'd just ar - rived, was green as grass, not bad - ly off for tin.
So this Ger - man girl first drew me out and af - ter - wards took me in.
As she sat in the "Un - ion" bar and played on an old, cracked guit - ar;
I soon, 'pon my soul, made a ver - y large hole in my cash at the "Un - ion" bar.

I once fell deep in love, sir, in a true Colonial way.
With a German girl who played and sung in the "Union" bar all day;
I'd just arrived, was green as grass, not badly off for tin.
So this German girl first drew me out and afterwards took me in.
As she sat in the "Union" bar and played on an old, cracked guitar;
I soon, 'pon my soul, made a very large hole in my cash at the "Union" bar.

I shepherded that girl, sir, and soon got in such a flame
That I fancied every fellow, sir, was going to jump my claim;
The prospect, too, I liked so well, it made my heart quite flutter.
And think I was on not in a line, and dead upon the gutter.
As I sat in the "Union" bar and watched my love play her guitar;
I considered it great to go round with the plate for the lady who played the guitar.

Young men, list to the sequel, and a warning take in time.
Don't get sweet on German girls like those who're in my rhyme.
For when I'd no more cash to spend and drop into the plate
She said I was a shicer and got another mate;
And now when we meet in the bar. She still sings and plays the guitar.
She'll wink at her mate, who'll come round with the plate for the lady who plays the guitar.