

# Gentleman Soldier

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The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the main melody with notes and rests, and is accompanied by a series of chords: D, A, D, D, A, D. The second staff continues the melody with triplets and is accompanied by chords: D, A, G, D, D, A, D. The third staff is labeled 'Chorus' and contains a similar melodic line with triplets, accompanied by chords: D, G, A, D, A, D. The final part of the third staff is labeled 'Instrumental' and features a blue-colored melodic line with triplets.

Intro Signal Akkordeon dann Banjo DDDD DDDD

It's of a gentleman soldier as a sentry he did stand, He saluted a fair maiden by a waving of his hand  
And then he boldly kissed her and he passed it off as a joke, He drilled her up in a sentry box wrapped up in a soldier's cloak  
And the drums are going a rap a tap tap  
And the fifes they loudly play  
Fare thee well, Polly me dear  
I must be going away

Instrumental

All night they tossed and tumbled till the morning did appear, The soldier rose, put on his clothes, and said, "Fare well my dear  
For the drums are loudly beating and the fifes they sweetly play, If it weren't for that, Polly me dear, with you I'd gladly stay"

Chorus + Instr.

Banjo DDDD DDDD

If anyone comes a courting you, you can treat them to a glass  
If anyone comes a courting you, you can say you're a country lass  
You don't have to tell them that you ever played this joke  
That you got drilled in a sentry box wrapped up in a soldier's cloak

Chorus + Instr.

"Now come you gentleman soldier, won't you marry me?"

"Oh no my dearest Polly, such things can never be  
For I've a wife already and children I have three  
Two wives are allowed in the army, but one's too many for me"

Chorus + Instr.

"Oh it's come me gentleman soldier, why didn't you tell me so?  
Me parents will be angry when this they come to know"  
And when nine months had been and gone the poor girl she felt shamed  
She had a little militia boy and she didn't know his name

Chorus 2x

Banjo DDDD DDDD

Signal

The musical notation for the Signal is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a series of eighth notes and rests, with triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.