High Germany

Em D Em Am Em
Oh Colleen love, oh Colleen the rout has just begun,
G Am B
and I must go a marching to the beating of a drum.
G Bm Am
Come dress yourself all in your best and come along with me,
Em Am Em
and I'll take you to the wars, me love in High Germany.

I'll buy for you a horse, my love, and on it you will ride,
and all of my delight will be in riding by your side.
We'll stop at every alehouse, and drink when we get dry.
We'll be true to one another and get married by and by.

Oh Colleen love, oh Colleen...

O' cursed be those cruel wars, that ever did they rise,
and out of merry England, pass many a man likewise.
They took my true love from me, likewise my brothers three,
and sent them to the wars m' love in High Germany.

Oh Colleen love, oh Colleen...

My friends I do not value and my foes I do not fear,
for now my fine love's left me and wanders far and near,
but when my baby it is born and smiling on my knee,
I'll think of handsome Willie in High Germany.

Oh Colleen love, oh Colleen...

Hertugen af Marlborough (1650-1722) hvis navn er John Churchill (hans far hed faktisk Winston Churchill) er på togt i Bayern (High Germany). Han var en af Englands dygtigste generaler. Frankrig og Bayern havde slået sig sammen for at bekæmpe Romerriget og ved det afgørende slag ved Blenheim mistede Hertugen 12000 mand. Men fjenden mistede ca. 3 gange så mange. Frankrig trak sig tilbage og magtbalancen i Europa forblev ændret indtil Napoleon blev kendt.