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Madame I have come a-courting, Oh dear me, Not for pleasure, not for sporting, Oh dear me.

You may sit and court the fire, To iddle inktum, tie iddle aye, To go to bed is my desire, Yo iddle inktum, tie iddle aye.

Now a ring cost twenty shillings, Oh dear me. You may wear it if you're willing, Oh dear me.

I don't want your ring or money, To iddle inktum, tie iddle aye, I wat a man who'll call me honey, To iddle inktum, tie iddle aye.

I'll go home and tell my daddy, Oh dear me, That you're not disposed to marry, Oh dear me.

You may go home and tell your daddy, To iddle inktum, tie iddle dye. Find a Quaker girl to marry. To iddle inktum, tie iddle aye.

One verse and tune in Traditional Songs From Nova Scotia, p.199. Sung by Mrs Edward Gallagher, Chebucto Head, Sept.1950. Recorded by Helen Creighton.

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