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Pretty Polly Oliver Anonymous

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About the piece



Title:	Pretty Polly Oliver
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Style:	Traditional
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Piano

Pretty Polly Oliver

Anon.
c.19th

Moderato

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second system begins at measure 6. The third system begins at measure 11 and includes dynamic markings for *rall.*, *dim.*, *p*, and *rit.* The score features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, often beamed together, and block chords in the left hand.

As sweet Polly Oliver lay musing in bed,
A sudden strange fancy came into her head.
"Nor father nor mother shall make me false prove,
I'll 'list as a soldier, and follow my love."

So early next morning she softly arose,
And dressed herself up in her dead brother's clothes.
She cut her hair close, and she stained her face brown,
And went for a soldier to fair London Town.

Then up spoke the sergeant one day at his drill,
"Now who's good for nursing? A captain, he's ill."
"I'm ready," said Polly. To nurse him she's gone,
And finds it's her true love all wasted and wan.

The first week the doctor kept shaking his head,
"No nursing, young fellow, can save him," he said.
But when Polly Oliver had nursed him back to life
He cried, "You have cherished him as if you were his wife".

O then Polly Oliver, she burst into tears
And told the good doctor her hopes and her fears,
And very shortly after, for better or for worse,
The captain took joyfully his pretty soldier nurse.