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Piano introduction in 6/8 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

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Oh, years a-go in sweet May-o, I married sweet Cor-de-lia; A

We sailed a-way to A-mer-i-ca, My trou-bles did be-gin, sir; Re-
 Her cous-in Matt and her Un-cle Pat, They wore out my new brac-es, Her
 My spir-it up not a bite or sup, I'll nev-er eat or drink, sir; My

Piano accompaniment for the first system of lyrics, continuing the melody and bass line.

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hap-py wife, and a hap-py life, Our mar-riage was no fail-ure. When
 la-tions fine, all in a line, To my house they were let in, sir. She

Aunt-y Nan and her neph-ew Dan, They kept me in their trac-es; Her
 wife and me must mas-ter be, To night I'll know my fate, sir. I'll

Piano accompaniment for the second system of lyrics.

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we were wed, these words I said: Oh, take my hous-es, oh! But
 wel-comed them like gen-tle-men, I could not tell them go; From

Gran-ny dear, so full of beer, At night ca-rous-es, oh! When
 take a fall out of them all, My blood a-rous-es, oh! Home

Piano accompaniment for the third system of lyrics, concluding the piece.