

Marie's Wedding

Traditional - Scottish Hebrides

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Marie's Wedding is from the Hebrides Islands which lie off the north coast of Scotland and was first printed in Marjory Kennedy-Fraser's 'Songs of the Scottish Hebrides' c.1909 It was originally written in Scots Gaelic and was translated a year later by Sir Hugh Robertson.

Chorus:

*Step it gaily, off we go
Heel for heel and toe to toe
Arm in arm and row on row
All for Marie's wedding.*

Verses:

*Over hillways up and down
Myrtle green and bracken brown,
Past the sheiling through the town
All for sake of Marie.*

*Plenty herring, plenty meal
Plenty peat to fill her creel,
Plenty bonny bairns as weel
That's the toast for Marie.*

*Cheeks as bright as rowans are
Brighter far than any star,
Fairest o' them all by far
Is my darling Marie.*