Pretty Polly Oliver

Enchantment (1948)

Traditional











Sweet Polly Oliver

The theme as sung by Lark Ingoldsby, (Theresa Wright) in the movie, Enchantment (1948).

As pretty Polly Oliver lay sleeping, 'tis said, A comical fancy came into her head; Nor father nor mother shall make me false prove, I'll list for a soldier and follow my love.

So in soldier's attire to the wars she went out, And bore a brave part in both raid and in rout; In the battle she found him slightly wounded and low On the ground where he lay with his face to the foe.

Now Polly he knew in a moment's quick glance, And he cried, Why my dear, sure I've met you in France; But the lass she said, nay, he was surely mistook, But her words were belied by the love in her look.

The sergeant sent for the parson to come, And couple the lovers who'd follow'd the drum; And Polly, restored to her womanly state, Found all she had sought in a home and a mate.