

# Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

## The Four Marys (traditional)

**1** <sup>C</sup> Yestreen the Queen had four Marys, <sup>F C</sup>  
<sup>Am</sup> <sup>Dm G7</sup>  
 The nicht she'll hae but three.  
<sup>F G7</sup> <sup>C F</sup>  
 There was Mary Beaton, and Mary Seaton,  
<sup>C G7</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
 And Mary Carmichael and me.

**2** <sup>C</sup> It's often hae I dressed my Queen, <sup>F C</sup>  
<sup>Am</sup> <sup>Dm G7</sup>  
 And pu'd gowd in her hair;  
<sup>F G7</sup> <sup>C F</sup>  
 But noo I've gotten as my reward  
<sup>C G7</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
 The gallows to be my share.

**3** <sup>C</sup> Oh, happy, happy is the maid <sup>F C</sup>  
<sup>Am</sup> <sup>Dm G7</sup>  
 That's born o' beauty free;  
<sup>F G7</sup> <sup>C F</sup>  
 It was my rosy, dimpled cheeks  
<sup>C G7</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
 That's been the devil to me.

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<sup>Am</sup> <sup>Dm G7</sup>  
 The nicht she'll hae but three.  
<sup>F G7</sup> <sup>C F</sup>  
 There was Mary Beaton, and Mary Seaton,  
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 And Mary Carmichael and me.



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