

# The Weaver

From the singing of O.J. Abbott  
 As sung by Ian Bell via Margaret Christl  
 Chord suggestions by Ian Bell

D G D A D

As I roved out one moon - lit night the stars were shining — all things bright I

G D Bm D G D Refrain

5 met a pret-ty maid by the light of the moon and un-der her ap-ron she car-ried a loom. To me Right whack fol the do a

G D A D G D Bm

10 di do day Right whack fol the do a di do day Toor a loo rah loo rah lay

D Bm

15 Right whack fol the do a di do day.

She said young man, what trade do you bear?  
 I said I'm a weaver I do declare  
 I'm a weaver brisk and free  
 Would you weave upon my loom, kind sir? says she  
 Refrain:

There was Nancy Right and Nancy Rill  
 Fot them I wove the diamond twill  
 Nancy Blue and Nancy Brown  
 For thewm I wove the rose and crown  
 Refrain:

So I laid this girl down on the grass  
 And I braced her loom both tight and fast  
 Then to finish it off with a joke  
 I topped it off with a double stroke

Collected from O.J. Abbot by Edith Fowke. O.J. said he learned it in Marchurst, Ontario in about 1890, from a fellow named Leahy, who was about 70 at the time. It is in the Penguin Book of Canadian Folk Songs.