

The Jolly Raftsman O

Informant/Performer:
Grace Fraser
Lancaster, Ontario, 1961

Source:
Edith Fowke & Norman Cazden
Lumbering Songs from the Northern Woods
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2. Oh, she is daily scolding me
To marry some freeholder O.
I place my mind, it never shall move,
It's on a jolly raftsman O.
(Chorus)
3. My love is marching through the pine
As brave as Alexander O
And none can I find to please my mind
As well as a jolly raftsman O.
(Chorus)

Background Information

This beautiful little love lyric is quite different from any of the other lumbering songs. Mrs. Fraser learned it from her mother, who may have learned it from her father, who had worked in the lumbercamps. The tune probably comes from the Scottish Highlands. Mrs. Fraser may be heard singing it on Prestige/International 25014.