

# The Girl I Left Behind Me

from THE SKILLET LICKERS

A-Part G D G B D

B-Part

1. "Soldier, soldier, won't you marry me?  
I have a fife and drum."  
'How can I marry such a pretty little girl  
When I have no coat to put on."
3. "Soldier, soldier, won't you marry me?  
I have a fife and drum."  
'How can I marry such a pretty little  
With a wife and two children at home."

2. Straight down she went to the coat-makers shop  
As fast as she could run.  
And got him a coat of the finest kind  
And the soldier put it on.  
(repeat, using other words to denote articles  
of clothing till the soldier is fully  
dressed.)

This tune is played, in a much different setting by Hobart Smith on the Folk Legacy album noted in the Discography. To my knowledge, The Skillet Lickers' version has not been reissued though it may be as part of the County Records Old Time Fiddle Classics series. The tune the Skillet Lickers played was

the one everybody knows (as opposed to the variant of the Maggie Walker Blues which sometimes goes by the same name). In the Finger Pickers section (page 85) I have a pseudo-Bill Keith style transcription which is somewhat easier than what is written above.