

THE UNIQUE and unmistakable sound of the Foundry ■ Bar Band has been an important part of the Scottish Music scene for more than a decade and Rolling Home is their third album. The Foundry Bar in the old fishing town of Arbroath had long been a home to local fiddlers and accordionists when, in 1976, Jim Reid gathered together a few of the regular musicians and headed for the Kinross Festival where they entered and won the Ceilidh Band competition. So was born the Foundry Bar Band. Since then the band has played at concerts and ceilidhs, clubs and festivals, village hall dances and weddings throughout the country, and of course they never miss their favourite traditional music festivals at Keith and Auchtermuchty. Apart from leading the band, Jim has also established himself as one of Scotland's finest exponents of traditional song with a fine solo album to his credit I Saw the Wild Geese Flee. This summer he had a six week tour of the United States including a visit to the prestigious Pinewoods Festival in Massachusetts, and the major Champlaine Valley Festival in Vermont. The musicians in the band have changed from time to time over the years, and three who appeared on the band's classic first album in 1981 are on this album - Iim Reid, leader of the band, on guitar, moothie, concertina and pipes, Geordie Anderson of Friockheim on fiddle and Sandy Beattie of Letham on bass. Other members of the band are Jim Brown of Newtyle and Harry Scott of Friockheim on button box, Jim Thomson of Arbroath on piano accordion and Christine Stewart on guitar. Special guest on this album is Letham blacksmith Marshall Rae on the sticks. After recording this album in September the band were ten days at the Orkney Festival playing at concerts and ceilidhs in village halls throughout the islands. With a busy year of music making behind them perhaps it is time for the band to come rolling home - home to a quiet ceilidh in one of their regular haunts in the Angus countryside.

Peter Shepheard, October 1988

ROW HER IN MA PLAIDIE

- 1: There lives a lass by yonder bum Wha jinks aboot the seggan, And oft she gives her sheep a turn That feed amang the bracken. Could I believe she'd woo wi me And leave her mam and daddy, I'd aft times slip oot ower yon lea And row her in ma plaidie.
- 2: Her breists tae busk I'd violets pu, Frae yonder glen sae foggie, And bluebells hangin wat wi dew, Frae yonder den sae boggy. I maun awa, I canna stay, Should aa gang tapsalteerie, Should bogles meet me on the way, This nicht I'll see ma dearie.
- 3: I'll ben the spense and dress a wee Wi knots and bots fu gaudie, For I canna wait until I see If she'll gang in ma plaidie.

 Could I believe she'd woo wi me, And tak me for her laddie, I'd aft times slip oot ower yon lea And row her in ma plaidie.

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Glossary: seggan – the yellow iris or rush; busk – to dress; foggie – mossy; ben the spense – go through to the main room; bots – buttons;

AINCE UPON A TIME

1: Aince upon a time when I was young and bonnie, Aince I had a bonnie lad but noo I haena ony; When I wis cook aboot the hoose and he wis but a

laddie,

I gied him aa my breid an ale tae be my bairnie's daddy.

Noo ma mistress oft times says tae me and weel I ken she's richt O,

I maun be safe in the hoose afore 'twas candlelicht O;

Johnny took me for his ain and I wis weel contentit, Noo these nichts are passed and gone, oft times I repent it.





3: For Johnny he is lang syne gane and thinks on me nae mair O,

I maun seek another man tae faither Johnny's bairn O;

Dinna ye think ma bonnie lad that I am mad aboot ye,

For I can dae wi a man or I can dae withoot ye.

4: So lassies as tak heed o me when the threshing time it fa's O,

Be share ye gaither in the grain and no the chaff that blaws O;

When I wis cook aboot the hoose and he wis but a laddie,

I gied him aa my breid an ale tae be my bairnie's daddy.

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LEEZIE LINDSAY

Will ye gang tae the Hielands Leezie Lindsay? Will ye gang tae the Hielands wi me? Will ye gang tae the Hielands Leezie Lindsay, My bride and my darling tae be?

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Credits:

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ROLLING HOME

1: Call all hands to man the capstan, See the cable running clear, Heave around and with the wheel boys, For our homeland we will steer

Rolling home, rolling home, Rolling home across the sea, Rolling home to Caledonia, Rolling home dear land to thee.

2: Fare ye well ye Spanish ladies, We must bid you all adieu, Happy times we've had together, Happy times we spent with you.

Rolling home, rolling home &c.

3: Round the horn one frosty morning, And our sails are filled with snow, You could hear the shellbacks calling, Heave around and let her go.

Rolling home, rolling home &c.

4: Now the wake we leave behind us, Seems to know the way we go, There's a hearty welcome waiting, In the land that we all know

> Rolling home, rolling home, Rolling home across the sea, Rolling home to Caledonia, Rolling home dear land to thee.

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ALL FOR ME GROG

And it's all for me grog, me jolly, jolly grog, All for ma beer and tobacco
 Well I spent all me tin
 Wi the lassies drinkin gin.

2: And where is me shirt, me noggin, noggin shirt.

Far across the western ocean I must wander.

All gone for beer and tobacco
Well the collar is all wore
And the front it is all tore
And the tail is looking out for better weather.

3: And where is me boots, me noggin, noggin boots,

All gone for beer and tobacco, Well the toes are kicked about And the heels are well worn out And the soles are looking out for better weather.

4: Now I'm sick in the head and I haven't been tae bed.

Since I came ashore with me plunder, I've seen centipedes and snakes And I'm full of pains and aches And I think I'll make a path for way out yonder.

5: All for me grog, me jolly, jolly grog, All for ma beer and tobacco, Well I spent all me tin Wi the lassies drinkin gin, Far across the western ocean I must wander.

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