The Soger Laddie

My soger laddie is over the seas, and he will bring gold and money for me and he will bring gold and money for me;
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2.
My lovely laddie is handsome and brave,
And can as a soger and lover behave;
He's true to his country, to love he is steady,
There's few to compare to my soger laddie.

3.
Shield him, ye angels, from death in alarms,
Return him with laurels to my longing arms;
Since from all my care you'll pleasantly free me,
When back to my wishes my soger ye gi'e me.

4.
Oh! Soon may his honours bloom fair on his brow,
As quickly they must, if he gets [but] his due;
For in noble actions his courage is ready,
Which makes me delight in my soger laddie.

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