

Mademoiselle From Armentieres

(other variations)

Words & Music:
True Origin Unknown, but WWI British

Here are some of the countless variations of the song ranging from Edwardian prim to John Valby-like bawdy. This one gives you an historic window on World War I trench life, but I wouldn't sing it with the kids.

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
She got the Palm and the Croix de Guerre, for washing soldiers'
underwear.
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
You didn't have to know her long to know the reason men go wrong!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
She's the hardest working girl in town, but she makes her living upside
down!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
As the cooties rambled through her hair; she whispered sweetly "C'est la
guerre."
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
She'll do it for wine, she'll do it for rum, and sometimes for chocolate
or chewing gum!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from St. Nazaire, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from St. Nazaire, parlez-vous?
The Mademoiselle from St. Nazaire, she never washed her underwear.
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Aix-Les-Bains, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Aix-Les-Bains, parlez-vous?
Mademoiselle from Aix-Les-Bains, she gave the Yankees shooting pains!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Montparnasse, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Montparnasse, parlez-vous?
As soon as she'd spy a Colonel's brass, she'd take off her skirt and
roll in the grass!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

The Colonel got the Croix de Guerre, parlez-vous?
The Colonel got the Croix de Guerre, parlez-vous?
The Colonel got the Croix de Guerre, the son-of-a-gun was never there!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
You might forget the gas and shel, but you'll never forget the
Mademoiselle!
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?

Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Oh, Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?
Where are the girls who used to swarm about me in my uniform?
Hinkey-dinkey, parlez-vous?