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C G

Two drummers they were seated, in a grand hotel one day.

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While dining they were chatting, in a jovial sort of way.

There came a pretty waitress, to bring a tray of food.

They spoke to her familiarly, in a manner rather rude.

C G
At first she did not notice, or make the least re-ply.

But one remark was made to her, brought teardrops to her eyes.

She turned on her tormentors, her cheeks were blushing red.

Ap- proaching as a picture, then this is what she said,

Chorus:

C G
"My mother was a lady, and yours you would al- low.

C
And you may have a sister, who needs protection now.

I've come to this fair city, to find my ^{C7} brother ^F dear.

C G C
You wouldn't dare insult me, Sir, if brother Jack were here."

C G

The two sat there in silence, their heads hung down in shame.

"Forgive us, Miss, we meant no harm. Pray tell us what's your name?"

She told them and they cried aloud, "We know your brother, too."

C We've been friends for many, many years and he often speaks of C
you.

C C7 F
Come go with me when I go back and if you'll only wed

I'll take you to him as my bride for I love you since you said,"