

The Oersted Song
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(To the tune of “Get out ’ the way for Old Dan Tucker”)

FYI: Worsted is a type of wool fabric.

Disclaimer: We have no reason to think that Oersted was irritable, or that he wore red socks.

G D7
Hans Christian Oersted was a fine old Dane,
G C
He had magnets on the brain.
G D7
He loved them all from pole to pole --
G Em
Cut ’em in half but they still were whole

Refrain:

D7 G C
So --- get out ’ the way for old man Oersted
D7 G
He’s got socks of bright red worsted.
G G7 C
Worsted’s sturdy, but it sure is itchy --
D7 G
That makes old Hans Oersted bitchy.

G D7
Hans Christian Oersted liked to fiddle-dee-deedle,
G C
Measured currents with a compass needle.
G D7
They named a unit for him, they say --
G Em
Fiddle-dee-deedling sure does pay!

(Refrain)

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