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The Sailor's Tragedy ;

To which are added,

Highland Mary.

The Irish Wedding.



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THE SAILOR'S TRAGEDY.

I AM a sailor and home I write,
And in the seas took great delight,
The female sex I did beguile,
At length two were by me with child.

I promised to betrue to both
And bound myself under an oath
To marry them if I had life,
And one of them I made my wife.

The other being left alone,
Crying, you false deluding man,
To me you've done a wicked thing,
Which public shame will on me bring.

Then to the silent shade she went,
Her present shame for to prevent,
And soon she finish'd up the strife,
And cut her tender thread of life.

She hung herself upon a tree
Two men a hunting did her see;
Her flesh by beasts was basely tore,
Which made the young men weep full sore.

Straight they went and cut her down,
 And in her breast a note was found;
 This note was written out at large,
 Worry me not, I do you charge.

But on the ground here let me lie,
 For every one that passes by,
 That they by me a warning take,
 And see what follows e'er too late.

As he is false I do protest,
 That he on earth shall find no rest,
 And it is said she plagued him so,
 That to the seas he's forced to go.

As he was on the main-mast high,
 A little boat he did espy,
 In it there was a ghost so grim,
 That made him tremble ev'ry limb.

Down to the deck the young man goes,
 To the Captain his mind for to disclose:
 Here is a Spirit coming hence,
 O Captain stand in my defence.

Upon the deck the Captain goes,
 Where soon he spy'd the fatal Ghost;

Captain, said she you most and ear,
With speed help me to such a man.

In St. Helens this young man died,
And in St. Helens in his body laid :
Captain, said she, do not say so,
For he is in your ship below.

And if you stand in his defence,
A mighty storm I will send hence,
Will cause you and your men to weep,
And leave you sleeping in the deep.

From the deck did the Captain go,
And brought this young man to his foe :
On him she fix'd her eyes so grim,
Which made him tremble every limb.

It was well known I was a maid,
When first by you I was betray'd,
I am a spirit come for you,
You beguil'd me once but I have you now.

For to preserve both ship and men,
Into the boat they forced him :
The boat sunk in a flash of fire,
Which made the sailors all admire.

All you that know what to love belong,
 Now you have heard my mournful song,
 Be true to one whatever you mind,
 And don't delude poor woman kind.

HIGHLAND MARY.

Ye banks and braes, and streams around,
 The castle o' Montgomery
 Green be your woods and fair your flowers,
 Your waters never dounlie;
 There simmer first unfauld's her robe,
 And there they langest tarry:
 For there I took the last farewell,
 Of my dear Highland Mary.

How sweetly bloom'd the gay green birk,
 How rich the hawthorn blossom:
 As underneath the fragrant shade,
 I clasped her to my bosom!
 The golden hours on angel wings,
 Flew o'er me and my dearie,
 For dear to me as light and life,
 Was my dear Highland Mary:

Wi' mony a vow, and look'd embrace,
 Our parting was su' tender;

And pledging aft to meet again,
 We tore ourse ves asunder
 But oh! fell death's untimely frost,
 That nipt my flower so early:
 Now green's the soil, and cauld's the clay,
 That raps my Highland Mary:
 O pale, pale now those rosy lips,
 I aft hae kiss'd sae fondly!
 And clos'd for aye, the sparkling glance,
 That dwelt on me sae kindly!
 And mouldering now in silent dust,
 That heart that lo'ed me deely!
 But still within my bosom's core,
 Shall live my Highland Mary.

THE IRISH WEDD NG.

Sure wout you hear what roving cheer,
 Was spread at Padty's we ding O,
 And how so gay they spent the day
 From churching to the bedding O?
 First, book in hand come Father Quipes,
 With the bride's dad the ba'lie O:
 While the chanter with his merry pipes,
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teddery, teddery, &c.

Now there was Mat and sturdy Pat,
 And merry Morgan Murphy O:
 And Maudeeb Mags and Tirlogh Skags,
 M'Laughlan and Dick Durfey O:
 And then the girls rig'd out in white,
 Led on by Ted O'Reilly O:
 While the chanter with his merry pipes,
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teadery teadery, &c.

When Pat was asked if his love would last,
 The chapel echoed with laughter O:
 Be my soul, says Pat, you may say that
 To the end of the world, and after O.
 Then tenderly her hand he grips,
 And kisses her genteely O:
 While the chanter with his merry pipes,
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teadery, teadery, O.

Then a roaring set at dinner were met,
 So frolicsome and so frisky O:
 Potatoes galore, a skintag or more,
 With a flowing madder of whisky O,
 Then round, to be sure, didn't go the swipes,
 At the bride's expense so freely O?

While the chanter with his merry pipes
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teddery, teddery,

And then at ni ht O what delight
 To see them capering and prancing O!
 An opera or bal was nothing at all
 Comp r'd to the style of their dancing O.
 And then to see old father Quipes
 Beating time with his shile'ah O,
 While the chanter with his merry pipes
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teddery, teddery &c.

And now the knot so sucky are got,
 They'll go to sleep wi hout rocking O:
 While the bride-maids fair so gravely prepare,
 For throwing of the stocking O.
 Dacca'ems we'll have says father Quipes,
 And the bride was kissed genteelly O,
 While, to wish them fun the merry pipes
 Struck up a lilt so gaily O.
 Teddery, teddery. &c.

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