Lines on the awful fate of
EDWARD COOPER
Who lies under sentence of Death for the Murder of Edward Jones, on board the "Coldbeck," while sailing to Valparaisa.

Within the walls of Kirkdale prison, Edward Cooper a seaman, he is doomed to die for wilful murder, which he committed on the high sea. On a British vessel named the Coldbeck, Cooper and the boatswain had words and strife, when Edward Cooper fired a revolver and cruelly took the boatswain's life. None to pity him, sad and friendless, in Kirkdale prison now does lie, poor Edward Cooper a British seaman, for wilful murder condemned to die.

It was on the 24th of April, while the Coldbeck was outward bound, poor Edward Jones who was the boatswain, that day received his death wound, without provocation and without warning. His crimson blood did stain the deck; by a pistol shot from Edward Cooper, he lost his life on the Coldbeck. Then Edward Cooper was put in irons and sent back to Liverpool with speed.

Before Justice Archibald at the assizes, he had to answer for the wicked deed. He was found guilty and the sentence was passed as each one held his breath. They told him for the crime of murder, the dreadful penalty was death. He lies his dreadful fate awaiting. Heaven knows what he must feel. His thoughts must drive him to distraction, as the fleeting hours from him steal. He soon must stand upon, the scaffold, and to eternity be hurled, and by the hands of the common hangman, be launched into another world.

Let Cooper's fate then be a warning, to revengeful passion don't give way, all angry feeling may be scorning, or you'll regret it some fatal day. God forgive the sinful murderer, as his moments quickly roll, and when the grave receives his body, may heaven receive his precious soul.

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