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ALL young maidens, pray a while draw
I a tragic story have to tell, (near
'Twill make your hearts bleed when I do
and for a truth has lately befall, (proceed
In London city fair, liv'd a maiden there,
blest with wit and charming beauty bright
Unto a lady fair she a servant were,
and the lady in her took delight,
She had a son we hear, who a captain was
a ship the Burford called, he did com-
And it was told to the Indies bound, (mand
and to forsake the British land. (tray'd
His mother's waiting maid had his heart be-
he great kindness unto her did bear,
Tho' she was but poor he did her adore,
but at length he did her heart insnare.
Rich gold and silver bright on his heart's
delight
with fine presents daily he would bestow
Cloth'd her in rich array like the Queen of
the May,
but at last it prov'd her overthrow
The joyful day we hear it appointed was
for the marriage as you shall find.

Men have many a snare for the maidens fair,
 and it is hard for maids to trust mankind
 The night before they married were to be,
 he unto the maiden fair did come,
 Saying, my heart's delight go with me to-
 about some business that I must do (night
 To a tavern he took his maid straightway,
 She poor innocent did think no ill, (snare,
 With wine as we hear, her senses did in-
 thus the traiter had his wretched will,
 But when the morning fair did then appear,
 and gentle sleep her senses did restore,
 Finding thus her charms enfolded in his arms
 down her cheek the crystal tears did pour
 My heart's oppress'd with grief finding no re-
 sence a victim to your lust I've sell, (lief,
 And my virgin bloom you've crop't so soon
 all joy and pleasure I bid farewell.
 Will you marry me fir as you did say,
 this day you know the knot was to be ty'd
 For ever I'm undone, now my honours gone
 I'm afraid I shall never be your bride
 Then he did thus swear, fear' not my only
 dear,
 tho' your charming body I have enjoy'd
 If I forsake my dear, heavens be severe,
 may all the substance I have be destroy'd
 The ship that I command when I leave this
 may it never more return again, (land
 And my silent tomb, in my youthful bloom,
 be within the deep and raging main,
 But first I'll go to sea, e'er we married be,

to seek after honour and renown.
 She said my heart did dread I should not be
 now my virgin honour is gone; (wed
 With many vows and oaths he from her a-
 rose,
 and soon on board the ship he did steer
 The beauteous damsel bright went that very
 night
 and bought her mens apparel for to wear
 Her charming locks of hair white as lilies
 were,
 she cut off that none might her know,
 Drest like a sailor bright, she goes that same
 night
 to enter to the rendezvous she did go.
 She was tall and trim and straght in every
 limb
 her shape and dress together did agree,
 The crew at her did gaze the lieutenant says
 young man have you ever been at sea;
 No, kind sir, said she, but if you'll enter me
 I soon shall become a sailor bold
 For I've amind to go where storms do blow
 and to seek for honour and bright gold.
 She was entered straight for second mate,
 and on board in a little time did go.
 For the Indies they soon sailed away,
 the Captain his true love did not know.
 Once upon a day he to her did say,
 Mate, your pe son doth so much appear,
 Just like a love of mine I think manya time,
 when I gaze on you upon my dear,

She was my mother's maid, I her betray'd
 now I have left her to grieve alone,
 And I wish that she soon may married be
 to some other man e'er I return. (heart,
 These were piercing darts to her tender
 with a sigh from him she turned away,
 Revenge ye gods, said she, on this perjured
 whose cruelty my honour did betray. (he
 Now comes the tragic part enough to pierce
 a heart

soon she found herself with child to be,
 This struck her heart with fear no one be-
 to help her in sad extremity. (ing near
 The ship's crew we hear did love her dear,
 soon the charming loving second mate,
 Did appear at last big about the waist,
 and forth from her eyes brought many a
 tear.

The Captain soon took notice of the mate,
 one day sleeping in her cabin as she was,
 The Captain being there by her breast so fair
 thought indeed she must a woman be.
 The more on her he gaz'd the more he was
 amaz'd,

he perfectly thought her face he knew,
 He said reveng'd he'd be if it should be she
 so out of the cabin straight he flew,
 Then call'd the surgeon strait, and said call
 the mate
 she trembling to the Captain straight did
 come,

He said, I plainly see madam who you be,

I shall be reveng'd for this you've done
 At his feet she fell upon her knees,
 and said do not be so severe,
 It's for the love of thee that I sail'd the sea
 pity this distress, O dearest dear,
 You have been, you know, my sad overthrow
 I did little think with child I were,
 But since it is so, Lord some favour show
 pity a distressed creature here.
 Arise and go from me, he to her did say,
 see none of this matter ye let know,
 Soon as ever we come in sight of land,
 I am resolv'd that you on shore do go.
 She said my dearest dear be not so severe
 call to mind the oath you made to me,
 And how you did betray my virginity,
 the day before we married were to be,
 Do not from me depart in the wild desert,
 bury me in the watery main,
 Freely I'd comply this moment to die,
 by the man I love let me be slain.
 As this she spake tears bedew'd her cheek.
 earnestly he upon her did gaze,
 He unto her did say and made this reply,
 of these arms dear molly make your grave
 I'll not cruel be to such constancy,
 nothing I'll refuse that I can do, (best
 But as you are in distress heavens know the
 my dearest, what shall become of you,
 We are far from shore now the billows roar
 the doctor now your comforter must be.
 The minister I'll tell what has you besel,

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and we'll be married upon the sea,
 The men all confus'd soon as they heard
 the news
 and mov'd with pity for the lovely fair,
 And so we do hear they were married there
 e'er the morning light did appear.
 But still as you shall find fortune prov'd
 these two lovers for to divide, (unkind,
 As he sleeping was by his love so fair,
 boreas blew and dreadful storms did rise,
 All hands aloft they run dangers for to shun
 while the swelling bosom of the sea,
 Toss them mountains high they for help do
 to the Lord in their extremity. (cry,
 The crew were in fear, seeing danger near
 expecting every moment for to die,
 The men all employed to save their lives,
 as on a rock the gallant ship did lie.
 This woman on the deck came amongst the
 in the hurry over board she fell; (rest
 No one could her save the sea was her grave,
 a tragic story her love for to tell, (be,
 The powers did decree they should saved
 by the waves they from the rock were
 driven
 The storms abated were to their comfort
 there
 for this fortune they thanked heaven,
 But the Captain cry'd where is my loving
 bride,
 having looked but no one could her see,
 For O unlucky day she was cast away;

at this he wrung his hands most bitterly
 No rest could he take, but was upon the
 deck,

and earnestly of heaven he did implore
 That he her corpse might see floating on the
 to gaze his last on her he did adore. (se
 When two days were past he espied her a
 her fair body floating on the main, (la
 O Neptune kind said he thus to favour m
 with a sight of my love again.

Now like Leander fair, I'll go to my dear
 evermore within her arms for to sleep,

'Twas for the sake of me she sailed the sea
 and made her tomb in the deep,

Her love to retaliate I will share her fate,
 the Gods unto her vows all witness be,
 Many of the men thought to save him there
 alas it was his fatal hour.

So the swelling wave did become their
 they were after seen no more. (grav

Young men a warning take how your vow
 you break (pos

Keep your vows and oaths as you do pro
 then happy blessing will attend the same

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