

# The Unfortunate Sailors GARLAND, With an Account how his Parents Murthered

him for Love of his Gold.

*The First Part, Tune of the Oxfordshire Lady.*

*The Second part to the same Tune.*

**T**HE Tragedy of Tragedys;  
Within this Lines there is,  
And those that are pleased to draw near,  
This sad Relation soon shall hear.  
Near *Bristol* lived a Man of Fame;  
But I'll forbear to tell his Name,  
He had one Son and Daughter bright,  
In whom he took a great delight  
This Young man from his Parents went,  
But whither they were innocent,  
Which grieved their Aged hearts full sore,  
Expecting ne'er to see him more.  
He went to *Bristol* I understand,  
From thence he sail'd to *Merrylond*,  
Where he remain'd Years Nine or Ten,  
And at length came to *England* again.  
At *Plymouth* Town he came on shore,  
From thence with gold and silver store,  
He travelled towards *Gloucestershire*,  
To see his Aged Parents dear.  
He to his Father's House did go,  
But there he could not find them, no,  
For they were fallen to decay,  
And from that place was gone away.  
And as he walk'd down the street,  
He with his Sister there did meet,  
Not knowing who she was, then he,  
Asked for his Parents then of she.  
Then she not knowing who he was,  
Most strangely on him then did gaze,  
And having talked together a while,  
She said to him that she was their Child.  
Hearing she was his own sister,  
With Joy he then embraced her,  
Declaring that he was her Brother.  
So then they wept to see each other.  
His sisters house then he went high,  
Towards which they immediately,  
But there he did not stay a night,  
Which proved his utter ruine quite.  
She told him that their parents they,  
Did live from her but a little way,  
And that they sold a Cup of beer,  
To Cherish Travellers who come near.  
He to his parents House did go,  
But they that night was not to know,  
From whence he came, nor who he were,  
Till morning his sister did come there.  
For it was ordered so that they,  
In Merriment would spend that Day,  
But oh ye'll hear by the second Part,  
Their Joy was turned to grief of heart

**H**IS Father and Mother they,  
With him in Drinking did pass away  
Their time while mid-night, as 'tis said  
And then his father went to bed.  
Not knowing that it was his Son,  
Then after he to bed was gone,  
This Young Man in his Mother's sight  
Pull'd out much Gold and Silver bright  
And to his Mother, as 'tis told,  
He did present a piece of Gold,  
Saying, *Landlady take it do,*  
*For I am one that has great Love for you.*  
She took this Token at his hand,  
Soon after which I understand,  
This Young Man unto Bed did go,  
But never rose again more know.  
For sake then of his shining Gold,  
And Silver bright, then like an Old,  
Blood thirsty Wretch, this Woman she  
Went to her Husband immediately.  
Saying, *Husband you know we are poor,*  
*But this Young Man has Gold good store,*  
*Enough to maintain You and I,*  
*And keep us bravely till we dye.*  
Come now arise lend me your hand,  
To go and Murther this Young Man,  
For all his Gold and Silver bright,  
Is shall be mine this very Night.  
His Answer was, *I tell you Wife,*  
*If we should take away his Life,*  
*'Twill bring us both to open shame;*  
*And our Souls into Eternal Flame,*  
*Will you for the sake of living well,*  
*Run your dear precious soul to hell,*  
*'Tis better to dye a Beggar poor,*  
*Than Murther him and get his store*  
*But at length his wife for to content,*  
*Unto this young Man's bed he went,*  
*And as this poor wretch sleeping lay,*  
*They took his precious life away.*  
with a hatchet she knocked him on the head  
And with one blow she struck him dead  
Thus he then had no time at all,  
Unto his Saviour then to call.  
But then the day light came on so.  
That they then could not bury him, no,  
And for to keep him close that day,  
In a Chest they did his body lay.  
Soon after he in the Chest was laid,  
Came to the door as it was said,  
His sister then whose full intent,  
Was to spend that day in merriment.  
When she came in immediately,