## 42b Lord Bateman - Mr Elmer





Lord Bateman was a noble lord, a noble lord of high degree, and he set sail on aboard a ship some foreign lands he would go see.

2 He sailèd East, he sailèd West, he sailèd far about the sea until a pirate took the ship, and then he must a prisoner be.

3 Lord Bateman by the turk was ta'en and thrown in prison stout and strong where he lay chained both night and day until his life was almost gone.

The Turk he had one daughter dear, the fairest creature eyes did see.

She heard his moan and stole the keys,

to set Lord Bateman free.

5
'Have you got towns, have you got lands?

Do kingdoms fair belong to thee?

What would you give a Lady fair, to set you out of prison free?'

6 T've have got towns, I have got land, Northumberland belongs to me and I'll give all my lady fair, if from these chains ye will me free.'

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The chains she did unlock straight
way
and gave to him the best of wine,
and ev'ry time she drank to him,
she said, 'I wish the stranger mine.'

Now he did vow he would be hers if she his safe escape could plan. 'Seven years,' said she, 'if you will wait, I will wed no other man.'

O then she sought a bonny ship and gave to him to cross the main, and then they took a fond farewell although fearing they'd not meet again.'

10
Now seven years are past and gone,
and fourteen weeks beside doth flee;
she up and packed her princely clothes
and vowed Lord Bateman she would
go see.

And she sailed east and she sailed west till she came o'er the stormy sea; she travelled north and travelled south and nigh unto his hall she drew.'

And when his castle walls she spied full glad she reached to pull the bell. 'Who's there?' the Porter cried amain, 'I pray thee speak and tell.'

13
'O is this place Lord Bateman's hall, and is his Lordship here within?'
'O yes,' the wondering porter cried, 'he's just now took his young bride in.'

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'Then bid him send a slice of bread and bid him send a cruise of wine, and not forget who set him free when Turkish chains did him confine.'

15 Away the wondering porter went, away, away and away went he unto Lord Bateman's chamber door and on his bended knee fell he.

'What news, my porter, quickly tell? What news you bring to me?'
'There is the sweetest maid, my Lord as e'er my eyes did see.

On every finger shines a ring and upon one there's three, and round her waist are golden chains would buy Northumberland from thee.

18
She bade you to send a slice of bread, and likewise a cruise of wine, and not forget she set you free, when Turkish bonds did you confine.'

Lord Bateman then in passions flew and broke his sword in splinters three, saying, 'I'll give all my father's wealth if that Sophia's crossed the sea.'

Then up the bride's old mother spoke, who ne'er was heard to speak so free, 'You'll not forget my daughter dear if that Sophia's crossed the sea.'

'Soon your daughter's made my bride; she's neither better or worse for me. She came to me with a saddled horse; she may go back in a coach and three.'

22 Lord Bateman went to church anew, and both their hearts was full of glee. 'I'll range no more thro' foreign lands since my Sophia's crossed the sea.'