

The Cruel Ship's Carpenter - Mr Knight



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1
It was early one morning just by break of day,
he went to dear Polly, these words he did say,
'Arise my pretty Polly and go along with me,
before we get married, our friends for to see.'

2
He led her through valleys and groves so deep,
which caused this poor girl to sigh and to weep.
'Oh William, Oh William, you've led me stray
on purpose my innocent life to betray.'

3
'That is true, that is true, the words I have said,
for I've been all this night long a-digging of your bed.
The grave is opened and the spade is standing by,'
which caused this young damsel to weep and to cry.

4
'Oh pardon, oh pardon, oh pardon my life.
I do not consent to be thy wife.
I'll travel the country to set thee quite free.
Oh pardon, oh pardon my body and me.'

5
'No pardon, no pardon; there's no time to stand.'
Then he had a long knife all into his hand.
He pierced her heart until the blood did flow,
and into the grave her poor body did throw.

6
He covered her over so safe and secure,
thinking this poor girl would be found never more.
He went unto the Captain for to sail the world round
before this young murder ever should be found.

7
One morning, 'twas early before it was day
the Captain came unto us; these words he did say,
'There's a murderer on board and he must be found,
for our ship she is in mourning, she won't sail round.'

8
Up steps one sailor, 'Indeed it's not me.'
Up steps another and made the same reply.
Up steps young William for to stand and to swear,
'Indeed it's not me, I vow and declare.'

9
He turned from the Captain, and made away with speed;
he met his dear Polly which made his heart bleed.
She rent him and she tore him; she tore him in three
because he had murdered her baby and she.