

Turkish Lady - 'Pete'

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1
 Young virgins all I pray draw near,
 a pretty story you soon shall hear.
 'Tis of a Turkish lady brave
 who fell in love with an English slave;
 who fell in love with an English slave.

2
 A merchant ship at Bristol came;
 as we were sailing over the main,
 by a Turkish rover took were we,
 and made us all slaves to be.

3
 They bound us down in prison strong;
 they whipped and slashed us all along.
 No tongue can tell, I'm certain sure,
 what we poor souls did then endure.

4
 Come sit you down and listen a while,
 and hear how fortune on him did smile.
 It was his fortune for to be
 a slave unto a rich lady.

5
 She dressed herself in rich array
 and went to see her slaves one day.
 Hearing the moan the young man made
 she went to him and thus she said:

6
 'What countryman, young man, are you?'
 'I am an Englishman, that's true.'
 'I wish you were a Turk,' said she,
 'I'd ease you of your misery.

7
 I'll ease you of your slavish work
 if you'll consent to be a Turk.
 I'll own myself to be your wife,
 for I do love you as my life.'

8
 'No, no, no, no,' said he,
 'your constant slave then, madam, I'll be.
 I'd sooner be burnt at a stake
 before I will my god forsake.'

9
 The lady to her chamber went
 and spent that night in discontent.
 Little Cupid with his piercing dart
 had deeply wounded her to the heart.

10
 She was resolved the very next day
 to ease him of his misery
 and own herself to be the wife
 for she did love him as her life.

11
 She dressed herself in rich array
 and with the young man sailed away.
 Unto her parents she bade adieu;
 now you see what love can do.

12
 She has turned into a Christian brave
 and is wed to her own true slave
 that was in chains and bondage too.
 By this you see what love can do.