

THE HOUSE CARPENTER

Anon

Am Em Bm Am
"WELL MET, WELL MET," SAID AN OLD TRUE LOVE;

C G Am Am
"WELL MET, WELL MET," SAID HE

Am C Em Em
"I'M JUST RETURNING FROM THE SALT, SALT SEA

Bm Bm Am
AND IT'S ALL FOR THE LOVE OF THEE."

Am Em Bm Am C G Am Am
"COME IN, COME IN, MY OWN TRUE LOVE, AND HAVE A SIT WITH ME

Am C Em Em
IT'S BEEN THREE FOURTHS OF A LONG, LONG YEAR

Bm Bm Am
SINCE TOGETHER WE HAVE BEEN."

"I CAN'T COME IN AND I CAN'T SIT DOWN, FOR I HAVE BUT A MOMENT'S TIME

THEY SAY YOU'RE MARRIED TO A HOUSE CARPENTER

AND YOUR HEART WILL NEVER BE MINE."

"I COULD HAVE MARRIED THE KING'S DAUGHTER FAIR

AND SHE WOULD HAVE MARRIED ME,

BUT I HAVE FORSAKEN HER CROWNS OF GOLD

AND IT'S ALL FOR THE LOVE OF THEE."

"NOW WHEN YOU'VE FORSAKEN YOUR HOUSE CARPENTER, AND GO ALONG WITH ME,

I'LL TAKE YOU WHERE THE GRASS GROWS GREEN, ON THE BANKS OF ITALY."

SHE PICKED UP HER LITTLE BABE, AND KISSES GAVE IT THREE,

SAYING, "STAY RIGHT HERE, MY DARLING LITTLE BABE,

AND KEEP YOUR PAPA COMPANY."

THEY HAD NOT BEEN ON THE SHIP TWO WEEKS, I'M SURE IT WAS NOT THREE

TILL HIS TRUE LOVE BEGAN TO WEEP AND MOURN

AND SHE WEPT MOST BITTERLY.

"ARE YOU WEEPING FOR MY SILVER AND MY GOLD,

ARE YOU WEEPING FOR MY STORE,

OR ARE YOU WEEPING FOR THAT HOUSE CARPENTER,

WHOSE FACE YOU'LL NEVER SEE ANY MORE."

"A CURSE, A CURSE," TO THE SAILOR SHE CRIED,

"A CURSE, A CURSE," SHE SWORE

"YOU ROBBED ME OF MY SWEET LITTLE BABE THAT I NEVER SHALL SEE NO MORE."

THEY HAD NOT BEEN ON BOARD THREE WEEKS, I'M SURE IT WAS NOT FOUR

UNTIL THERE CAME A LEAK IN THE SHIP

AND IT SUNK FOR TO RISE NO MORE

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