

The GOOD SHIP KANGAROO

NOW ONCE I WAS A WAITING MAN
THAT LIVED AT HOME AT EASE
BUT NOW I AM A MARINER
THAT PLOUGHS THE ANGRY SEAS
I ALWAYS LOVED SEAFARIN' LIFE
SO I BID MY LOVE ADIEU
AND SHIPPED AS STEWARD AND SECOND COOK
ON BOARD THE KANGAROO

*I NEVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD PROVE FALSE
OR EVEN PROVE UNTRUE
AS WE SAILED AWAY FOR MILFORD BAY
ABOARD THE KANGAROO!*

"OH THINK OF ME, OH THINK OF ME,"
SHE MOURNFULLY DID SAY
"WHEN YOU ARE IN A FOREIGN LAND
AND I AM FAR AWAY.
NOW TAKE THIS LUCKY TUPPENNY BIT -
IT'LL MAKE YOU BEAR IN MIND
THE LOVING TRUSTING FAITHFUL HEART
YOU LEFT IN TEARS BEHIND!"

"CHEER UP, CHEER UP, MY OWN TRUE LOVE -
DON'T CRY SO BITTERLY!"
SHE SOBBED, SHE SIGHED, SHE CHOKED AND CRIED,
TO TAKE HER LEAVE OF ME
"I WON'T BE GONE FOR VERY LONG,
ABOUT A MONTH OR TWO
AND THE VERY DAY THAT I RETURN,
OF COURSE I'LL MARRY YOU!"

MY LOVE IS NOT A FOOLISH GIRL -
HER AGE IT IS TWO SCORE
MY LOVE IS NOT A SPINSTER -
SHE'S BEEN MARRIED TWICE BEFORE
MY LOVE IS NOT AN IDLE GIRL
WITH TIME TO SPORT AND PLAY
SHE'S A STARCHER IN A LAUND(E)RY
FOR ONE AND NINE A DAY!

OUR VESSEL SHE WAS HOMEWARD BOUND
FROM MANY'S THE FOREIGN SHORE
AND MANY'S THE FOREIGN PRESENT
THAT UNTO MY LOVE I BORE
I BROUGHT TORTOISES FROM TENERIFFE
AND PUPPETS FROM PERU
A CHINA RAT, A BENGAL CAT
AND A BOMBAY COCKATOO

PAID OFF, I SOUGHT HER DWELLING
ON A STREET ABOVE THE TOWN
WHERE AN ANCIENT DAME UPON THE LINE
WAS HANGING OUT HER GOWN
"WHERE IS MY LOVE?" "SHE'S MARRIED, SIR,
SIX MONTHS OR MORE AGO
TO A SMART YOUNG MAN WHO DRIVES THE VAN
FOR MURPHY'S BREWING CO."

HERE'S A HEALTH TO DREAMS OF MARRIED LIFE
TO SOAP AND SUDS AND BLUE
A LOVING HEART AND PATENT STARCH
AND WASHING SODA TOO
I'LL GO UNTO SOME DISTANT SHORE
NO LONGER CAN I STAY
AND WITH SOME POLYNESIAN GIRL
I'LL THROW MYSELF AWAY!