

## **MATT HYLAND**

THERE WAS A LORD WHO LIVED IN THE TOWN  
WHO HAD A LOVELY HANDSOME DAUGHTER  
SHE WAS COURTED BY A YOUNG SERVING MAN  
WHO WAS A SERVANT TO HER FATHER  
BUT WHEN HER FATHER, HE CAME TO KNOW,  
HE SWORE HE'D SEND HIM FROM THE ISLAND  
THE MAID SHE KNEW THAT HER HEART WOULD BREAK  
HAD SHE TO PART FROM YOUNG MATT HYLAND

SO STRAIGHT AWAY TO HIS ROOM SHE GOES  
AND ORDERS HIM FOR TO AWAKEN  
SAYING "ARISE, MY LOVE, AND GO AWAY  
THIS VERY NIGHT YOU WILL BE TAKEN!  
I OVERHEARD MY FATHER SAY  
IN SPIITE OF ME, THEY WOULD TRANSPORT YOU  
SO ARISE MY LOVE, AND GO AWAY  
YOU KNOW RIGHT WELL I DO ADORE YOU!"

THEY BOTH SAT DOWN UPON THE BED  
JUST FOR THE SPACE OF ONE HALF-HOUR  
AND NOT A WORD DID EITHER SPEAK  
BUT DOWN THEIR CHEEKS THE TEARS DID SHOWER  
SHE LAID HER HEAD THEN UPON HIS BREAST  
AND ROUND HIS NECK HER ARMS ENTWINED THEM  
SAYING "NO LORD NOR DUKE NOR EARL I'LL WED  
BUT WAIT FOR YOU, MY YOUNG MATT HYLAND!"

NOW THE LORD HE SAW HIS DAUGHTER DEAR  
ONE NIGHT ALONE AS SHE LAY CRYING  
SAYING "I'LL GIVE YOU LEAVE TO BRING HIM BACK  
SINCE THERE'S NO ONE YOU LOVE BEFORE HIM!"  
SHE WROTE A LETTER THEN IN HASTE  
TO TELL HIM HOW HER HEART WAS PINING  
THEY BROUGHT HIM BACK, TO THE CHURCH THEY WENT,  
AND MADE A LORD OF YOUNG MATT HYLAND!