Our Ship she lies in Harbour.



"Our ship she lies in harbour,
Just ready to set sail,
May heaven be your guardian, love,
Till I return from sea."

Said the father to the daughter, "What makes you so lament?
Is there no man in all the world Could give your heart content?"

Said the daughter to the father,
"I'll tell [you] the reason why:
You have sent away that sailor-lad
That could me satisfy."

"If that's your inclination,"
The father did reply,
"I wish he may continue there,
And on the seas may die!"

She, like an angel weeping, On the rocks sighed every day, Awaiting for her own true love Returning home from sea.

"Oh, yonder sits my angel!
She's waiting there for me,
To-morrow to the church we'll go,
And married we will be."

When they had been to church, and were Returning back again, She espied her honoured father And several gentlemen.

Said the father to the daughter, "Five hundred pounds I'll give, If you'll for sake that sailor-lad And come with me to live."

"It's not your gold that glittered,
Nor yet your silver that shined,
For I'm married to the man I love
And I'm happy in my mind!"

[Sung by M? Sparks, 1896.]