

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 SPITE 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!