

DANIEL

THERE'S A SHIP OOT IN THE HARBOUR THAT'S A STRANGER  
THE LIKE O' WHICH ST. MARY'S ISLE HAS NEVER SEEN AFORE  
SHE'S THE CONTINENTAL BATTLESHIP 'THE RANGER'  
AND HER MASTER JOHN PAUL JONES HAS SENT A LANDING CRAFT ASHORE

HE'S NEW COME FROM A RAID UPON WHITEHAVEN  
NOW HE'S CROSSED THE FIRTH TAE CHAP UPON THE EARL O' SELKIRK'S DOOR  
TAE INVITE ON HIS VESSEL THIS FINE MORNIN'  
TAE BE HIS GUEST AND RANSOM HIM FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

DANIEL GETHER UP THE SILVER  
TAK THE THE WOMEN AND THE BAIRNS UP THE STAIR AND OOT O' SIGHT  
THERE'S A WILD BUNCH O' CUTTHROATS IN THE GAIRDEN  
AND WHY THERE ARE THERE LORD ONLY KNOWS  
HASTE NOW DANIEL DON'T BE SLOW

NOO THE EARL HAD TA'EN HIMSEL AWA' TAE BUXTON  
AND TOON KNOWN FOR ITS WATERS AND THEIR RESTORATIVE FAME  
AND HIS WIFE WAS LEFT BEHIND TAE MIND THE MANSION  
WI' A BAIRN ON THE WAY SHE HAD RESOLVED TAE BIDE AT HAME

SHE WENT DOON TAE FACE THS UNCOUTH DEPUTATION  
WHO HAD COME TAE LIFT HER HUSBAND AS A PRISONER O' WAR  
AND HIS ABSENCE CAUSED NO LITTLE CONSTERNATION  
SO THEY ASKED AS CONSOLATION FOR THE FAMILY SILVERWARE

THIS WOMAN WAS BAITH CHARMING AD BRAVEHEARTED  
AND SHE FOUND NEW ENGLAND SAILORS WERE QUITE CIVIL IN THEIR TURN  
AND THEY HAD A GLASS O' WINE ERE THEY DEPARTED  
THEN THOSE DARING BUCCANEERS PICKED UP THE SILVER AND WERE GONE

DANIEL THE DANGER NOW IS OVER  
TELL THE WOMEN AND THE BAIRNS THEY CAN COME BACK DOON THE STAIRS  
I CAN SEE THE SAILORS MARCHIN' OOT THE GAIRDEN  
AND WHERE THEY ARE GONE LORD ONLY KNOWS  
DANIEL I'M RELIEVED TAE SEE THEM GO

THIS BOOTY NEITHER CAME TAE HARM NOR DAMAGE  
FOR PAUL JONES WAS MORTIFIED AND BOUGHT THE SILVERWARE HIMSEL'  
AND WHEN THE WAR WAS DONE HE HAD IT PACKAGED  
AND DELIVERED SAFE AND SOUND BACK TAE THE LADY AND THE EARL

DANIEL NOW THE WAR IS OVER  
AND THAT CHIVALROUS PAUL JONES HAS SENT US BACK OOR SILVERWARE  
WE CAN HAE A POT OF COFFEE IN THE GAIRDEN  
AND REFLECT UPON THIS WORLD'S EBB AND FLOW  
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