

## THE GAIRDNER'S SON

LOOK SHARP GUDEWIFE FOR YONDER'S COMIN' MR. PAUL THE GAIRDNER  
I HEAR HIS SON IS SAFELY HAME AND FRESH FAE HIS ADVENTURE  
THEY SAY HE'S NO' STOPPED TALKIN' SINCE HE LEFT WHITEHAVEN HARBOUR  
AND NOO HE'S BACK IN GALLOWA' TAE BIDE HERE FOR THE WINTER

GUID DAY TO YOU NOW MR. PAUL I HEAR YOUR SONS ARE GRAND SIR  
FOR WILLIE BIDES IN FREDERICKSBURG IN BUSINESS AS A TAILOR  
I HEAR YOUNG JOHN MET UP WI' HIM WHEN HE WAS IN VIRGINIA  
HE'S JUST A LAD O' FOURTEEN YEAR BUT FAITH HE'S QUITE THE SAILOR

HE SAW THE SUNSET ON THE SPANISH MAIN  
THE STARS AROON THE FULL VIRGINIA MOON  
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GUDEWIFE AH'VE JUST BEEN TELLT O' YOUNG JOHN PAUL THE MERCHANT SAILOR  
HE'S ONLY TWENTY ONE BUT YET ALREADY HE'S A MASTER  
HE KENS HIS BUSINESS WEEL IT SEEMS BUT OH HE HAS A TEMPER  
AND THAT HAS BROUGHT HIM GRIEF ON HIS LAST VOYAGE TAE GRANADA

THEY SAY HE FLOGGED THE MAXWELL BOY FOR INSOLENT BEHAVIOUR  
AND SAILIN' HAME THE YOUNG LAD DIED EXPIRIN' FROM A FEVER  
THEY FLUNG JOHN IN KIRKCUDBRIGHT JAIL ACCUSED BY MAXWELL'S FAITHER  
HIS BAIL IS PAID BUT SARELY GRIEVES THE WIDOW O' THE GAIRDNER

HE'S BROCHT A LETTER FAE THE SPANISH MAN  
IT TELLS THE LAW THAT JOHN WAS NO' TAE BLAME  
AND WI' A HANDSHAKE HE'S AWA' AND KEPT INTACT HIS HONOUR

FINE WEEL YE KEN GUDEWIFE AH'M NO' A YIN FOR IDLE CHATTER  
THE LATEST ON THE GAIRDNER'S SON HE'S BEEN ACCUSED O' MURDER  
LAST YEAR HE FELLED A MUTINEER WHO PERSIHED ON HIS RAPIER  
AND NOO' HE'S FLED THE WINDWARD ISLES WHILES TAE JINE HIS BROTHER

TEMPERS RISIN' ON THE SPANISH MAIN  
CRIES FOR BLOOD A NATIVE MAN IS SLAIN  
JOHN PAUL IT SEEMS HAS DISAPPEARED, HE'S MAYBE IN VIRGINIA