

The Miser

1. It's of an old mi - ser in Lon - don did dwell, He had
one on - - ly daugh - ter a most beau - - ti - - ful girl, And
when the old man _____ was out of the way, She was
cour - ted by a sail - - or both night and by day.

2. A soon as the old man did hear of the news,
Straightway to the captain he immediately goes,
Saying, "Captain, bold captain, good news I've to tell,
I've got a young sailor as a transport to sell."
3. "What will you give for him?" The old man did say,
I will give you ten guineas and send him to sea,
I will send her love sailing right over the main,
He shall never come to England to court her again."
4. As soon as the daughter she heard of the news,
Straightway to the captain she immediately goes,
Saying, "Captain, bold captain, all this I'll give you,
For my honest young sailor my right and my due."
5. So out of her pocket she threw handfuls of gold,
And on the main deck it immediately rolled,
"O no, dearest lady, that never can be,
As he was sold the other day as transport to me."
6. ["Oh no, dearest lady, that never can be.
He was sold to me the other day, a transport to be.]
I will send your love sailing right over the main,
And he shall never come to England to court you again."
- [7. Bad luck to my father, wherever he be.
I am pure in my own heart; he's quite ruined me.
I'm away to my cottage, and lay myself down,
And all the night long for my William I'll mourn.]

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Notes: Words in brackets are from another version of the song.

