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Diary of Voyage From London

To Sidney, Direct, Monday

October 1st 1855

Joshua

Captain Fowler Commander

I went on board ship Joshua 804 tons

Register in the London Docks at 2 O Clock

There were six horses to be shipped on board and  
as they were not come to the docks I took leave

Of the ship I understood she would not leave

The dock untill high water half past five

When I returned for the dock quarters before five

The ship was off, my master took a cab and

I drove me in haste to meet her at Grassen

Which were assured at that place just in time

To take a ferry boat to meet her, we got along

Aside from hers, one of the Sailors handed me down

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A rope and hauled me up to the deck a few

Other passengers were also disappointed owing

To the rapid departures of Joshua from the

Dock those cabin passengers came out from

Gravesend there composed mostly of females

They seemed to find greater inconvenience in  
Getting on board than I did, at least the ladies

As the water was surging up against the

Ships sides and with great difficulty they

Stepped out the boat and up the side ladder

And soon after we boarded her she came to

Anchor at Gravesend a beautiful starlight  
Night -  
Tuesday 2nd  
Remained at Anchor at Gravesend till  
About half past two when the Captain and  
The owner & clerk came on board to arrange  
The business of the ships, friends took there  
Departure and we started from Gravesend  
towed Victoria Steam tug to the xxxx?  
Light house where we came to anchor soon  
After dark our provisions where some what

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Confused and the ships not quite in trim  
The sailors were busy in getting it in order as  
Not being able to do so after starting -  
Wednesday 3rd  
Rose at four O Clock in the morning the  
Moon shining beautiful and the song of the  
sailors drawing in the cable chain sounded  
So cheerful, ful of life and labour I could lay  
In bed no longer soon after the tug came  
Along side scarcely a breath of air was stirring  
The sea smooth and the day dawning when  
The expanding light revealed the distance  
Covered with a number of sails of different  
classes about half past six we heaved anchors  
And by seven we was again on our way through  
The estuary of the Thames toward the downs the  
Opening sea displayed an increasing number  
Of vessels. This was showing we were entering on  
The highway of commerce to the Metroplis of  
The world about noon we arrived opposite  
Dead a market town in Kent with an opposing  
Wind about South by East and at 10 O Clock

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Drop\* anchor, after dinner went on deck  
To look around at the coast and to see what  
Was to be seen, there were these French ships  
Of was said to be come from the Baltic returning  
Home for the winter. One a fine first rate  
Ship one smaller & one gunboat, after dinner  
Sitting below I fell into a doze one of the lads

Of the ship shaking me says are you sick no  
Says I. I am not. But you will be says he  
Perhaps I may says I. are you a Sailor says he  
No says I, I wish you was than he replied.  
I said to him its rather tough now I think.  
Rough says he no it ain't it's quite a calm.  
I have been weck four times said he, four  
Times I replied how long have you been at sea  
Then, how long says he considering & reconing  
Up the years why close on these years are  
You a cabin boy says one of the female  
Passengers to him me a cabin boy he replies  
Indignity no thats the cabin boy pointing  
To a smaller lad. I am an apprentice, he  
Seemed anxious to impress on the squeamish

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Looking passengers that this tossing At deck  
Was real smooth water and that all the sea  
Sickness and rough weather was to come, its  
Anticipation seemed to enjoy him much, but  
The ladies appeased not to desire to him more  
Pleasure in that way than their present -  
Feelings afforded him, passed the night -  
Comfortably though it was rough and rained  
Hard all the evening yet some of the female -  
Passengers sat on deck all night to avoid -  
Sea sickness as much as possible -

Thursday 4th

Still wet weather rose at 7 O Clock went on  
The forecastle, there was a large man of war  
At anchor a little way off after a time she got  
Up her steam and went out some distance but  
Slow the tide and wing against her, she made  
But very little progress and after an hour  
Or two we saw her returning to her former  
Habitation and again anchor\*, it blew hard  
All day with much rain nearly all the  
Passengers sea sick, on of the horses was

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Very restive and the wind increased as the  
Evening drew on, the deal boatman as they  
Came and return\* Was the administration of

A oar partly the wonderful skill with which  
They conducted their little boats over the waves  
Seemed to point them out as almost the most  
Daring and skilled men of their class in  
The world, the evening close\* in with much  
Rain, and sea sickening among the passengers  
And their unpleasant mishaps was the  
Occasion of a good deal of mirth among the  
Passengers at large -

Friday 5th

Rose at six I saw a steamer passing against  
Wind and water between us and the shore  
Supposed to be from London to the French  
Coast the seen shore for that noon and  
Continued with few boudy intervals the  
Whole of the day, many ships pass\* us inward  
But none outward except one or two steamers  
The evening came on cloudy the wind increased  
As the night drew on, and we passed a rougher

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Night then we had yet done, we were rather  
Annoy\* at the pumping of the water from the  
Ships bottom the having been in when in the  
Docks and smell very disagreeably, but a  
Fellow passenger said of we took long sniffs  
At would be gone the sooner -

Saturday 6th

Went on deck at 6 O Clock a south west wind  
Still blowing on passing the galley the cook  
A man of colour he says got well master -  
I have not been sick I reply\* oh then you want  
Be sick now says ho it was rather a consoling  
Assurance though I felt no apprehension or  
Fear of it although I never was to sea before  
A ship anchor\* to night not far from us said  
To have lost her topmast coming round channng  
It was homeward bound and soon sailed -  
Again at daylight, one of our passengers -  
Being asked how it was he was not sea sick  
Reply\* he\* soon to be sick in such apatly  
Roadstead as the Downs if he was sick at all  
It should be in the Bay of Biscay it

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Would do a man a credit to be sick these  
Time pass\* rather heavy with us lay day  
After day, before the same scenery we watch\*  
The sea weed floating past and the sea  
Gulls in their apparent useless flight the  
Day became fine as the day advanced the  
Sea smooth and sea sickness much -  
Deminshed and there was quite as gentle  
And pleasant atmosphere the only -  
Drawback on our good spirits was the -  
Provoking south west wind still blowing  
In our teeth and the Pilot shook his head  
At the chance of a start observing as I understood  
There was no side to the windward I went  
Below and being Saturday night I enjoyed  
Myself with a little extra refreshment -  
I brought with me speculated on the  
passibility of a fair wind and that we might  
Make up for lost of time and after a little  
Cheerful talks a few jokes and a song or two  
- We went cheerfully to bed -

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Sunday 7th

On going on deck this morning the wind blowing  
Very strong but had not change a jot from its  
Old quarter and seemed to threaten to make us  
Very familiar with the prospect of the town of  
Deal and neigh bouring shores after the pudding  
And meat head been got ready and sent to the  
Cook, the place swept up clean shirts on no  
Sailors at work if it could be avoided, the day  
Began to wear the appearance of what it ought  
To be a superior day, a large strew steamer the  
Clyde pass\* close to us no doubt to the Guinea  
With armonition of war She had her number  
On as one of the transports in the imploy of  
The Government, the forenoon was fine but cold  
But it gave us a good appetite for our dinner  
The best to our liking since we had been on  
Board we had flour and suet serve\* out  
to us but not raisons, but they were promises  
To be forth coming when we got to sea this

The rater astounded some of our fellow passengers  
Sea sick who felt quite out at sea the -

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Boatman from Deal visited us several times  
Whilst we were anchor\* there with prorisious  
Of every description such as Bread 1 shilling  
Per four pound loaf. Apples 2 a penny or  
8 Shillings per bushel yarmouth blocked  
5 pence per doyen & we had preserved meat  
Served out to us the first time and very good  
We thought it was most of us lik\* it much  
There was no Prayers read today I don't know  
The reason but those so disposed read their  
Prayer books and hymns were sung and  
Every appearance of religion seemed respectful  
No one discredited the day -  
Monday 8th

Rose at half past six hoping to see a change  
Of wind, having been very calm the previous  
Night and it was argued a stronger current  
Of air might spring up and by overpowering  
The weaker one now blowing night cause a  
Change of wind, but neither the plausibility  
Of our argument now the ingenuity of our  
Speculations changed the windy these it was

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In its old quarter, and we was almost profanely  
Chagrined at its immovability, some was inclined  
To swear that every mans face would have that  
Impress of Deal on it better than any photographic  
Picture ever taken, a Boat load of water came  
On board to replace we supposed what was -  
Consumed by our being detain\* at this place  
So long two noise steamers pass\* we supposed  
For the Guinea, this was a beautiful day a  
Bright seen, and a fresh brieenze a after dinner there  
Was a whisper of a more very shortly all hands  
Were at the anchor, the sails in preparation and  
Against the wind but with the tide we started  
On our Voyage from Deal we talk\* and talk\*  
And work to Dover by dark a few hours later  
The light of Dover And another place said

To be Folkestone were plainly seen -  
Tuesday 9th  
We saw much the same coast as the night  
Before the wind and tide were against us and  
We had made little progress in the night  
The morning was cloudy and rather rough

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And sea sicknesses were again come among us  
We could not get out of sight of Folkestone  
And our old friend the south foreland all the  
Day the wind seemed to carry us as fast back  
As the tide now carried us forward and it was  
Feared we should have to put back to the Down  
The wind appeared to increase every hour with  
Heavy rain and right and threaten\* a -  
Boisterous night, after a time however we  
Settled down pretty comfortably to supper and  
A fellow passenger proposed a little something  
To cheer so we tap\* a brandy bottle and several  
Being of the same mind some of us was as  
Jovial within as the wind and sea was  
Without, and after some jokes and songs we  
Thought of retiring to bed but some of the -  
Ladies were more disposed to set up mouthless  
I believe all eventually retired to rest as well  
As they could such a booming thundering  
hissing whizzing and splashing and  
Blowing with tossing and rolling, kept most  
Of us awake most of the night, together

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With the kicking of the horses in their stalls  
On the deck for they had broke from their slings  
Increased the noise and confusion -  
Wednesday 10th  
7 O Clock I heard there was a change of wind  
In our favour the Pilot was heard to say it blew  
From the northerd and the mate said we should  
Make a leg now, we now looke\* more cheerfully  
On the contending wind and waves, it was -  
Rather blue before and hope we should make  
Better progress, we had with us a fellow -  
Passenger very fond of his bed, he was Seldom

seen and flitted about, when he did make  
His sudden appearance that we scarcely know  
Whether he belonged to the male or female  
Side of the passengers his domicile was  
Discovered this morning about 10 O Clock and  
I think his debilitating habits must have  
Made it difficult for him to walk up the steps  
A strong rope was considerathy provided and  
Politely offered him to be slung under his arms  
And hauled up the hatchway by the gear above

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But not relishing such a rapid appearance  
On deck, he earnestly supplicated for five minutes  
Time to rise from his nest and put on his  
Linnen, the day felt somewhat colder  
Alternating with cloud and sunshine, all  
Of us except those sick were on deck watching for  
Land as we expected to make the Isle Of Wight  
And was anxious to pass it to get further on our  
Way, but night drew on and our speed had not  
Been sufficient to bring us in sight of that fertile  
And pleasant little Island, and after waiting  
Till dark and getting a good soaking on the  
Forecastle I retired below unable to see that  
Island or any other land, it was the first time  
Many of us had been out of sight of all land  
Thursday 11th  
Rose rather later than usual past seven  
We had past a very rough night to our notices  
And mustered very few to breakfast many being  
Worse with sea sickness, again on going on deck  
the, sailors were taking in the sails the deck  
Washed by see water and to us Landsmen it

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Look\* a rough specimen of a Voyage as we beat  
About the Channell endearouring to get the best  
Of the opposing element we seem to encounter  
Sternier opposition, the wind was blowing  
Harder, the sea rose and fell into hill and dale  
Our Ships appeared to labour hard, but gallantly  
To rain it on the desired hack, and after buffiting  
With the wind and water for two or three hours

The horses plunging and sliding in their stalls  
And one a spirited young horse, and they were  
All first rate, but with great difficulty we  
Prevented them from jumping out of their  
Stalls, but at length land was seen and after  
A long tack on two we made what appeared to  
Me the South East point of the Isle of Wight  
We run rapidly along its eastern side or coast  
And soon perceived a number of vessels taking  
A similar course, and about four O Clock we  
Dropt anchor in St Helens Roads, there were  
Vessels anchor\*, and others coming to anchor  
Some of our old neighbours at Deal who  
Like ourselves were glad to take shelter in

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This roadstead while running to shelter a  
Pilot in a boat hailed the ships apparently  
Making some proposal, the Captain say\*  
And one of the sailors spreading his fingers  
From his told him to take a sight, he knew  
Nothing about it, we had a Pilot on Board  
The smooth water acted like magic on our sick friends  
They were nearly as hearty and quite as saucy  
As any of us, after tea we passed the evening  
In administration, the sailors playing at -  
Dominos, a time on the flageolet And some  
Songs, we retired in good humours to bed -  
Friday 12th  
Rose early after a good night rest scarcely -  
Believing we could be floating on a salt water  
We made a good breakfast the Captain came  
Down to ask how were and exhamine our births  
We were told we might right letters to our  
Friends and have answers back as we  
Should be here perhaps some days we  
Accordingly wrough our letters giving a penny  
Each to take them to the Post office lying

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At anchor became tedious, the crew were engaged  
In getting many things in readings, we in  
Watching the other Ships at anchor and in  
Surveying the shore a very pleasing scenery

As well as we could judge from the distance  
We view\* it, a Boat from Portsmouth brought  
A board some bread 1 the 2 pound look black  
Current jelly 1-6 per pot the afternoon past wet  
And squally with a cloudy evening, on going  
On deck at bed time, the Captain was speaking  
To one of the offices of the ship about something  
And then said if the wind changes let me  
Know after a light supper off our shilling  
Loaf a dutch cheese and some pickled onions  
A lot of cake from one fellow passenger and a  
drop of gin from another for we exchanged  
Our little luxuries with each other most of  
Us retired to bed -  
Saturday 13th  
7 O Clock morning the sun was gleaming  
Through watery looking clouds but as it  
Advanced it came forth stronger and brought

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On a beautiful forenoon, the near shores showd  
To great advantage, and the Hampshire hills  
In the distance from a very interesting outline  
It was a very agreeable walk on the forcastle  
With such a pleasant landscape a warm seen  
And a gentle breeze not a single ships around  
Was seen stir, but shortly we heard these  
Was an order for leaving, they were pulling  
In the cable, I went up with the others to  
Lend hand about half past ten, by half past  
Eleven the sails were loosend the anchor up  
And by twelve we were again on our way to Sidney  
Who for Sidney says the sailors as they were  
Giving their finishing stroke to hearing the  
Anchor, and which they accompanied with  
Their unusual cheerful song -  
1 verse  
Heave away heave away my lads so bold  
And haul our trusty Cable in  
Yo ho yo ho and from its hold  
Our sturdy anchor soon we\* win

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2 verse

Away ho heave yo heave away  
Were the lads can do the work  
To Sidney, Melbourne or Bombay  
Quebc Or Boston, or new York  
3rd  
To Addelaide or Callao  
The Cape Calcutta, New Orleans  
Were in their Ports sang yo heave ho  
And seen & sailed through all their scenes

4th  
On Indias shores or Africans coast  
Brazil where ere we roam  
Where floats our flag were never lost  
Our ships our safe our faithful home  
5th  
To Sydney we are bound lads cheer boys cheer  
May heaven kindly smile & fair winds blow  
To the bright and golden lands of the southern sphere  
We spread our sails and sing heave away heave ho

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6th  
Heave ho bring will to deck your handles down  
Up its coming loose your sails the wind fresh blow  
Heave away ho heave now lads its all you own  
Another heave all right lads off off she goes  
7th  
We gradually work\* around the Isle of Wright  
The wind being light but still contrary -  
By dark the needles light was seen and we hap\*  
By morning to be beyond the Isle of Wright  
Sunday 14th  
Half past six morning scarce a breath of air was  
Retiring no movement of the Ship could be perceived  
When the mist cleared off and we could see land  
We found we had left the Isle of Wright very little  
Behind Portland cliffs being before us, we had  
Prayers read in the chief Cabin today, the  
Cabin passengers the females of our past four or  
Five males only and none of the Ships company  
Attended the day was fine and the sea so calm  
That it was remarked it appeared as if it knew it was  
Sabbath day, and was resting from its labours,  
We made very little progress today, but in the -

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Night the winds freshened, and in the night we were  
Disturbed by the rattle of plates and pans we had not  
Secured them the Ship being so still the night before  
Monday 15th

Morning opened fine but the clouds was said to  
in dictate squally weather, that the Glass had fallen  
And that we should anchor in Torbay if the weather  
Did not show more favourable signs, the wind  
Blew fresh and a little more in our favour, but  
Clouds had gathered in the west the wind howld  
Through the rigging and there was every -  
Appearance of a storm, shortly was heard the  
Captains loud voice the mates orders the aye  
Aye air of the men the bustling clatter the  
Ratling of ropes all hands here all hands there  
From hook to forecastles from forecastles to hook  
The captains orders the mates directions and  
The Boats aims oaths, on one hereby berley of  
Righting adjusting and trimming the ship  
To face the coming squall, all the ships -  
Company were dress\* alike in oil shines, caps  
And coats and long boots, I should not have

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Known captain from mates nor mates from  
Men but for their voices and the positions  
They stood in while these rapid revolutions  
Were going forward, it was customary for us  
Passengers to lend a hand when we could be  
of use but I suspect we were often more in the  
Way, and as the decks were slippery they could  
Not stand still nor keep their themselves in  
Proper places we were often thrown out of  
Perpendicular slip\* on our backs or some other  
Commercial position the Captain seeing one of  
Boys slip\* down in fastening a rope say\* holla  
Jack you are tumbling about like a mouse we  
Beat about from tack to tack all day making  
Very little progress against the apposing wind  
Our live stick we had on board suffered much  
A sheep a pig and many fowls died, we had  
20 sheep 15 pigs and about 100 fowls &

The best part of our company grouped about  
In parties, talking of the commencement of  
The voyage, one who always talk\* loud enough

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To be a brave follow, plainly show\* the white  
Feather, would it not be possible say he if the  
Captain chose to turn round and go back again  
I thought it an odd idea but it was evident  
The wish was further to the thought, but we  
Got some hot water of the cook and made a  
Bumper of brandy and water and as we got  
Warmer and the weather moderated and we could  
Sit down to the table with out holding we got  
Into better spirits and went cheerfully to bed  
Tuesday 16th

Morning quite calm but what wind there  
Was seem\* direct in our teeth, the calm weather  
Was taken advantage of to, the Horses all alike  
Heads to the middle of the deck heads to heads, and  
To make them more comfortable a safer, there  
Was a talk of putting into Torbay to get this  
Job done better as it were then off that past  
But it was not done and as a boat came off  
With some fish from Brixham the Pilot  
Left us and went ashore in the fish boat we  
Had a pleasant prospect of the picturesque

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And bold coast and lofty, lands of Devonshire  
The wind still kept contrary still we found  
We gained ground the prominent points on  
The coast gradually reduced and by evening  
The start light appeared alternatively burning  
Brightly and disappearing, the night was wet  
When last looking at it before going below to rest  
Wednesday 17th

Morning was cloudy and little wind, we  
Thought we has made no progress in the  
As we fancied we saw the same coast as the  
Day before but we was told we had done very  
Well and had past the Eddystone light  
House at 3 O Clock in the morning the wind  
Had become a little more favourable, and

There was much bustle in setting more sail  
Lend a hand was the cry whose for the diggings  
You\* fill your hats with nuggets while you  
Are thinking about it said the mate, now  
For they who want to get to Sydney, haul  
Away there let us get out our wings, these are  
The fellow to send us along, at length the

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Diminishing land, was apparent is that lands  
End was the question, yes that's land's end was  
The reply, and so tedious had been our  
Passage so far that it seemed glad to see the last  
Of the land, and that time had now arrived  
To many of us in full reality but to the greater  
Number of us all, many wishing to return  
Again if only to visit the land of their birth  
Place, but to all the last view of their native  
Shores is a crisis in their feelings more or less  
It arouses every picquant question that interests  
The heart and stikes home at the moment,  
No doubt all had reasons that justified their  
Steps, but the feelings of many play\* truant  
To their resolutions, the declining day light  
And the receding land combined to hasten  
The last view we were taking of the English  
Shores, and the Cornish hills, those same  
Highlands the first probably the ancients saw  
Ages ago in their intercourse with the Cornish  
Mines were the last in our prospects to leave  
Sight of, as darkness came on the last object

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Explained to us by the seaman was the  
Scilly Lights as we stood watching and  
Amusing ourselves at the ship's side my  
Own thoughts and impressions I have  
Tried to describe in the following lines -  
1 Verse  
Farewell ye fair shores of our lov\* native land  
Ye homes of our fathers we bid you adieu  
As on the distant bound Ship's deck we stand  
And taking our final and lingering views  
Ye fair Isles of Britain the land of our birth

Thou commanding the riches of every clime  
Standing in the front rank of the realms of the earth  
Thou art stained with injustice relounded with arenu

Thou science & art has thy atmosphere lighted  
And proferd in plenty clothes shelter & food  
But the heartless & sordid have these influence  
And their blessings confined to their own single blight\* god

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Every inch of thy soil has its owner to rule  
Can call from tho masses of supplicant hands  
The toiler, the slave, the driver the tool  
As luxury desires or Mammon commands

Thy dense generations complete for their claim  
Contending the toil for lifes scantiest needs  
And slavery assumes industrys name  
And labour days toil the slave labour execs

Of your throng\* & seant borders we now take our leave  
To lands of new promises are wending our way  
Hear not the harrangue that lives to deceive  
Nov the lifes that are fed by the social affray

On the pinions of Freedom the gift of our birth  
We wing on our mission naught of favours nor fear  
To better our race to replenish the earth  
To hope better days & a far better cheer  
And may Brittons secure in their new Hampshire  
A brighter renown & a better career -

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We appeared to make good progress during  
The night and by the noise of the water and  
Motion of the Ship was going a spanking pace  
It was said some sail was blown away  
Thursday 18th  
Morning fine, after breakfast we was amused  
By a number of purposes gamboling past the  
Ship, they were a novelty to most of us and  
Therefore watch\* with much interest, their  
Forms and figures were much handsomer  
Than I had previously conceived and their

Pleasing and sportive motions rendered them  
Pleasing to look at, the day was a pleasant  
One and we made good way on our Voyage  
Friday 19th  
The wind seem\* weaker and the motion  
Of the ship more rolling lying in  
Our birth athwart The ship sometimes our  
Heads and sometimes our heels were hightent  
So we shifted our pillows accordingly when  
We got up we were told we had entered past  
Of the Bay of Biscay and the wind being

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Weaker coming in puffs only exposed us to  
All the peraliary rolling motion of this well  
Reported Bay other ships now were more scarce  
3 or 4 only in the day and they far away and  
Wide apart striking off to their particular -  
Destinations, the wind increased as the day  
Came on and we made good speed, but the  
Waves came rolling in from the Atlantic and  
Striking us sideways tumbled us about  
Tremendously we seemed toss\* up one side  
And down the other side of the swell so that  
The yards and sails alternately on either side  
Dipt in the water, this appeared a serious  
Matter to some of us landsman, but the sailors  
Advised us each to take a handspike and put  
In the scupper holes in the ships side to steady  
Her and our staggering and slipping about  
& clinging hold of any thing we could lay  
Hold of to prevent our falling caused them  
Much merriment, we went on this day at  
A tolerable speed but the rolling motion  
Increased and at bed time appeared to us

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To do so at a fearful rate, not knowing which  
End of the bed was best to put the pillows we  
Sat up to doze away the night, then I twisted  
Sideways and after trying every position in  
Vain to avade the motion of the Vessel, I was  
Obliged at last to lay straight down and glad  
To fall asleep in any position the rolling water

Please to place me, and I slept far better than  
I expected, and I awoke very well refresh\* but  
The waking hours of that night its awful plunges  
And tremendous sea saws, I shall long remember  
I amus\* myself in putting my thought in

Here we lay all this day  
In this broad biscay Bay  
Rocking & roling to and fro  
O the Bay of Biscay

Now on waves unsteady slide  
Up to its rest we lightly soar  
Down in the gulph a rapid side  
Just were we was before

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Up on the starboard side  
A huge billow staves us  
Down on the starboard side  
A drowning sea laves us

Slow pass\* each langued how  
Ruld by the passing law  
That seven leagued sea saw  
Mocking our banguish\* pourer

Tir\* giddy and weary  
So down to our mess below  
Now weel endeavour to go  
We reel along queery -

For supper is ready  
Here is beef pudding and pork  
So boys to your work  
Holl\* steady boys steady

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We are going to old davy  
The children sprawling and squling  
And one loudly bawling  
Oh crackey our shells full of cold coffee & gravy

Our super soon ended

We soon lay extended  
Our mattress and rug in our warm berth so snug  
Some soon are a snoring in spite of the roaring

To a depth quite astonishing  
We seem going to the devil  
Then up on one side our legs & feet very wide  
Of their accustom\* level

Oh dread Bay of Biscay  
There is no controlling  
So another day we must contented lay  
Rocking and rolling

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Saturday 20th

Was fine and clam too much so for our wishes, the  
Sails kept as flat as sheet in on except the smaller  
Ones which swell\* out a little, the stillness of the  
Weather and smooth sea made time appear to  
Hang heavy, the cabin passengers were playing at  
Quoits on the hook, the intermeida to passengers at  
Dominos in their cabin or at pitch and toss on the  
Forecastle, and much joking going on concerning the  
Probable time of our getting to Sidney, some maintain  
We might be there bye new years day, others declaring  
If we did not get on better than we had done  
Valentines Day would be the earliest, the Captain  
And Doctor came down to inspect our berths  
Caught on or two in bed, they ordered them up to  
Lend a hand to cleane the place as there was much  
Complaint of bad order, on turning out the  
Unclean places the cause was found to be a sack  
Of horse provisions that had got wet and heating  
Had corrupted and produce\* a lot of corruptible  
Little living things their name or spices need  
Not be nam\* suffice to say they were non fitted  
For food for fishes, than inmates of a human

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Habitation, the removal of the offensive article  
And the cleaning of the cabin got in the stinalis  
& much sweetened our domceile, there was a report  
To day of an intention by the authoritys to remodel

Our messes but we unanimously agreed to appose  
The innovation and stick to each other like bricks  
But heard no more of the matter, we made but  
Little progress to day, most of us went early to bed  
Intending to get a better nights rest then the last  
Sunday 21st  
Morning was fine and our wishes were gratified  
We had slept well, the wind blowing a good  
Breeze and we was glad we had got well out of  
The Bay of Biscay Prayers was read by the  
Captian, the sailors being better dress\* and not  
Working if it could be avoided gave the day  
Something like a Sunday look with it -  
We, made good way but evening was wet and cold  
Our tea was very acceptable thought only warm  
This night was rougher than the last -

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Monday 22nd

Morning cloudy and threatened rain, A sail  
Was seen but soon disappeared there was a  
Complaint of bad odour of the water which  
Spoilt our tea, We had a substitute however  
To day in a plum pudding left from dinner time  
Because it was not bak\* - enough one of our party  
Where at the end of his meals generally exclaimed  
Thank God for that let the next come form where it  
Will, said he had return thanks for the pudding  
But not for the d--m bad tea, we had, the cook told  
Us the water was as good as the captain had -  
The fact was that the animalcule it contained had  
Died through confinement for want of air and  
When their remains had settled to the bottom  
It would be as sweet as ever and much more -  
Wholesome, a Vessel was seen to day homeward  
Bound said to be from america, we asked the  
Mate if we was near Madeira yet, no he replied  
4 or 5 hundred miles yet, shall not we be there  
Before thursday or Friday, no was the reply, lord  
Oh lord says one what a big world this is -  
The wind slacken\* this after noon and our pace

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Smooth sea and pleasant weather, put me in -

Mind of a pleasure party out for an excursion -  
In the evening the moon rose and shedding its  
Mellow lustrous light around look\* like the harvest  
Moon for a summers night in England -

Tuesday 23rd

Morning was fine with a promise of a splendid  
Day, the clouds were retireing in every direction to  
Give us a fair field and a cloudless sky, We all  
Enjoyed the improved weather, and every face had  
Lost its squeamish and cloudy look, the day was  
Beautiful throughout, a fair wind and a cloudless  
Sky, but that was not enough, we wanted a  
More vigorous breeze to push us forward -  
The night being fine mant lingered late on deck  
To enjoy the moonlight evening, a few songs and  
A little musie pass\* the evening mericly, and  
Nothing but the full knowledge that we that we  
Were on the wide ocean prevented our fancying  
We were on the solid land, a delusion were often  
For a moment entirely forgot -

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Wednesday 24th

Morning cloudy and blowing a gentle breeze  
To our remark to the sailors, that we were going  
On very well 5 or 6 knots an hour, there was quite  
Wind enough, this I thought as if it show\* their  
Love of a easy state of things, likewise betray\* our -  
Impatience of a moderate speed, the day was rather  
Cloudy, in the afternoon one of us fancied he saw a  
Sail at a distance, others could make out nothing like  
One, there was certainly and appearance of something  
Stick up a little above the horizon, like a stile in a  
Field as the stumps of a cricket wicket, not being  
Able to decide ourselves we appealed to the sailors  
Who told us it was a sail just coming in sight -  
After watching it about an hour it became plainer  
At length the sun lit up its sails and it looked about  
The size and shape of a white apron spread out to dry  
W was a bark homeward bound, and disappeared  
To the east of us in the evening, to day several of  
The passengers came in the forecastle the first and  
Second mates came with a rope saying they must pay  
Their fooling on his hook, or be lash to the chains

After a little joking and telling a story of -

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A Yankee Captain of the forecastle who left go  
Both anchors to hold fast his end of the Ship  
Telling the Captain he might do as he pleas\* with  
The other, they marked the shoes of each of them  
With chalk, and than they ran away laughing  
At their liberty, there was an eclipse of the moon  
This night or rather the following morning -  
But it was cloudy and not seen -

Thursday 25th

Morning rather cloudy, the sun came out at noon  
With great warmth but there was flying showers  
But a fine day on the whole, and the moon at  
Night was little observed in its splendour by the  
Passing clouds, our speed very good and the  
Wind in the same direction, We were told we  
had pass\* Madeira in the night but too far off  
To be seen -

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Friday 26th

Morning cloudy a sail was early perceived  
Approaching in our track and gaining on us but  
Was afterwards seen going a differeant course  
The wind still fair and stronger, the sailors told  
Us we had made good speed all the night the  
Best we had made yet but the wind fell off  
Towards noon and the ship roll\* a good deal  
Apparently caused through insufficient  
Strength in the wind to carry the vessel fairly  
Over the waves the way turn\* out fine and the  
Evening was brilliant with stars and the  
Moon nearly at full, our company linger\* on  
Deck and felt disposed to go later at bed -  
As we were got in a warmer climate, very early  
In the morning we were aroused from our  
Sleep by a rushing along of some persons -  
Laughing and swearing, it seems it arose  
From catching on of their mates asleep in  
Bed with his clothes on, so they tied a cord  
To his leg, and nearly drawn him out of bed  
Before they was discovered, but fear of

Disturbing their shipmates from sleep they

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Disisted from the punishment that time  
But now\* they would carry it out, if he did  
From that time undress every night and  
go to bed like a christian -

Saturday 27th

A beautiful morning with a fair and gentle  
Wind, but clouds soon arose with with  
Showers, a sail was seen to the east about  
Two O Clock the wind freshened, towards  
The evening another sail was seen we went  
Then at a pleasing rate, through the day being  
Warm the night was cool -

Sunday 28th

A splendid morning, we were told we  
Were in the trade winds they were fair forces  
And were sailing along as pleasantly as  
Could be desired, a sail was plainly seen to  
the South East of us he sailors said about  
Six miles distant, Divine Service was held  
In the cabin, the two bells, the one on the  
hook and the other on the forecastle -  
Answering form\* a sort of chime to tell all

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Who chose to prepare for church, the ship in view  
Approached nearer our course and by 12 O Clock  
Pass\* on before us in a westerly direction seemed  
To be probably steering for the azores when -  
Hearing our flag was hoisted, and most likely  
They did the same, for they who looked through  
The telescopes said she shown Spanish colours  
She passed the nearest to us of any we has seen  
And some of our companions took heart believing  
We had not lost our way yet, the evening was  
Damp with frequent light showers -

Monday 29th

Morning fine and blowing a fresh breeze a  
Sail had past to the west and was nearly out of  
Sight, the day was showery but the wind strong  
And we appeared to make exceeding good way  
One of the horses had slip\* on his back like the

Other and bringing his head to the back of his  
Stall, he was walked out on deck on some  
Trusses of hay and quietly put in his proper  
Position -

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Tuesday 30th

Heavy rain at six in the morning the wind  
Slack and more a side, the Captain & Doctor  
Came down in our cabin this morning and  
Ordered it to be scrub\* out every day two each  
Day take it by turns, a measure absolutely  
Necessary to our general health. This day was  
Showery throughout, follow\* by a starlight  
Night this day flying fish were seen by us  
For the first time -

Wednesday 31st

A lovely morning earlier rising was now  
Call\* for those who had work to do, such as  
Feeding the horses, the sheep and poultry those  
Servants were roused from their slumber and  
Hasten\* on deck by the Boatsmain if they were  
Not up in time, a number of flying fish were  
Seen, a novelty eagerly sought after by us  
Passengers, light wind today and warm,  
We were plainly in a warmer and new climate  
And my thoughts ran in this manner -

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To the regions of summer, we are bounding away  
Not turning nor stopping to eat drink or sleep  
Through the darkness of night & brightness of day  
Our course we persue over the trackless blue deep

From our northern locale after summer had fled  
We started to follow its warm summer cruize  
Over thousands of miles in pursuit we\* been led  
And now its fair prospects enlivens our views

And we\* soon overtake thank our ship and its steerers  
And catch its bland zephyrs where pleasure reposes  
We shall soon catch a tartar for so say our fearers  
Who will singe of our whiskers & scorch off our noses

Tho Britains green Isles as their ages have prov\*  
Can rear in full vigour as menor a nation  
Yet their ions to a genius climate remov\* -  
transplanted many gain more robust elevation

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May success then each gallant adventure crown  
Who embarks on the worlds wide seas from afar -  
Tho the timid may croak and the selfish may frown  
His faith in his future his bright leading star -  
Thursday Nov 1st

Another beautifull morning, we are now in the  
Trophies within range of the Trade winds the winds  
Has got stronger and we have made a capital run  
More particulary in the afternoon and evening -  
Friday 2nd

The wind same as last night blowing a stiff breeze  
And judging by the rising seen due East two sails  
Were seen one east the other north east from us  
One appeared a large vessel, it blew string all day  
And we went at a good rate nevertheless one seem\*  
To go a head and the other to gain upon us -  
The same wind all night but it seem\* to blow  
Warm and we felt the increas\* heat

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Saturday 3rd  
The wind east going well, a heavy shower in the evening  
Sunday 4th  
fine till the afternoon then came on dark with heavy  
Rain all the evening with lightning but not much  
Thunder - Rougher weather appeared at a distance  
Monday 5th

Very wet a squall was expected - the Captain hurrying  
The men to get the sails in order, I understood him as  
Blaming some one for not calling him before - but  
The worst seem\* to have pass\* us - as it clear\* up by  
10 O Clock a sail was seen right a head approaching  
Towards us - and we made sure of speaking to her and  
Sending letters home - all hastened to write and we  
Had our letters ready - our signals were hoisted -  
The boat ready to start to meet her - when she suddenly  
Altered her course to our great disappointment - the -  
Weather by the middle of the day became very clam -

We were much pleas\* by a school of Porpoises that came Leaping along towards the ship from a considerable Distance, they resembled a number of dogs leaping Along through long grass as they plung\* out of the water As they came nearer, their real form was plainly

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Seem as they jump\* out of the water, and some being Very large, their bulky forms were intersting to look At - this being Guy Fawkes day as its commonly - Call\* - preparations were made to celebrate it in a Fitting manner, and after dark a tar Bariel fill\* With burning materials was cast from the ship and Floated away in brilliant conflagation - amidst Fireworks, composed mostly of skyrockets and red And blue lights - the fireing of guns and much Cheering, then followed a kind of mask dance with Painted faces - some very good songs took place and Concluded by God save the Queen - The Captain Presented the sailors and passengers with ¼ doz of Spirit which amounted to a wine glass around so The evening was pass\* with much harmony and good Feeling indebted to the activity and talent of the ships Company and those of the passenger who took an Active part in the ceremonies -

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Tuesday 6th

An early sun appeared, but soon clouded in, a Storm was expected, but pass\* off with heavy rain And a squall or two of wind and then settled to A calm day - During the morning three different Vessells appeared in sight, but all took other - Directions than homeward - The wind was not Favourable and squally towards evening which clos\* with a storm of rain lightning and thunder The lightning and thunder continued till - Midnight but not much wind -

Wednesday 7th

Very hot in our sleeping berths, I rose at five to Go up for cool air, the day was cloudy throughout With a smart squall of wind and rain - In the evening -

Thursday 8th

2 Sails in sight at 7 O Clock but disappeared in a few hours - the sun very hot, the tar in the joints of the deck planks hooz\* out with the heat, it was very calm all day and we seem\* scarcely to move in the evening in comparative daylight - Darkness suddenly came on - They had been

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Preparing for a storm - The wind blew and the rain came down in torrents, and in a few minutes night appeared as tho roughly set in, as if it had been closing in for an hour -

Friday 9th

Morning was cool and pleasant but no wind but about 8 O Clock it rose suddenly and on going on deck after breakfast - I was surprised to see we were going at a first rate speed - The wind slacken\* in the evening -

Saturday 10th

A fine morning one vessel in sight which - disappeared before noon, very slack wind all day at night the sailors said there were two vessels close by us but we could not see them -

Sunday 11th

A fine morning but quite clam as Sunday seas had frequently been, some small sharks were seen round the ship, a hook was baited - with a piece of beef, and one was caught, this size did not exceed four feet in length, and said to be about a year old, he show\* the

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Power of his species by lashing the Deck soundly with his tail, a piece of its flesh was cook\* and pronounced passable eating, but said to require very picquant sauce to make it relishing, the evening was wet -

Monday 12th

Again a clam fine morning, two sails in sight it was reported that we were near the Line, and suspicious appearances were seen of preparations among the Sailors for Neptunes reception - The calmness of the weather induced the Captain to go out in the boat as there was a number of dolphins

Swimming round the ship - Captain took the -  
Harpoon, and succeeded in his second throw in  
Striking one - This fish was between 3 x 4 feet long  
And when swimming in the sea show a spendid  
Appearance, - although the sea was so clam and  
Its surface smooth, their was a heavy swell - and  
One of the cabin passengers in the boat felt so sick, he requested  
To be put back in the ship after the first trip -  
The day continued fine till night, when it fell in  
Its usual heavy showers -

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Tuesday 13th

Fine but scarcely any wind, a ship in sight  
And believed to be the same seen for two or three days

Wednesday 14th

Very light wind but improved towards night  
Nothing was remarked of this day except it  
Completed our fourth week from lands end -

Thursday 15th

A fine cool morning the wind blowing a fresh  
Breeze - it continued all day and we made -  
Cheering progress - a two mast vessel pass\* close  
To our bows about 10 at night, it was through  
A good look out had not been kept - I saw it  
Before the watch on the forecastle, I give the alarm  
Ship a head, and in a few minutes all hands were on  
Deck to witness the scene, the captain give  
Orders for a striker look out for future -  
It was a bright moonlight night -

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Friday 16th

Fine with the same steady breeze, we were making  
Good speed, and all pleased with our progress -  
In the evening we were told we had entered on the  
Line - and about 8 O Clock in the evening two or  
Three reports from fire arms - announced that -  
Neptune the Monarch of the deep was -  
Approaching - and shortly a voice up the ships  
Bows told us he had arrived - but merely to -  
Accquaint us we were on the high road of his  
Territories - and on tomorrow he should demand  
His dues and receive those respects he was -

Entitled to and would undoubtedly be paid him  
The event pass\* off with a cheer and a flaming  
Tar barrel, which appeared to float swiftly  
Pass the ship burning bright enough to  
Illuminate some miles distant, the evening  
Was cooler than any we had for sometime  
The wind being fresh and the sun clouded

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Saturday 17th

Morning cloudy, and blowing fresh from  
South east with showers - after breakfast  
Preparations for passing the line, and sharing  
New comers were commenced, a large sail  
Was loop\* up to the rigging overhead forming  
A sort of shallow bag, and being capable of  
Containing water - this being filled with  
Water to the depth of about 2 feet pump\* in  
Through a hose - this water extended about  
8 feet x 4, when all was ready Neptune his  
secretary , doctor, police and guards, advanced  
From the forecastle, Neptune covered with  
Long hair, the secretary in robes, the doctor  
With his box of medicines and smelling bottle  
His guards dress\* like policemen marching  
In solemn process to the place of operations, those  
Who would not or could not pay the fine  
Of 2-6 for a bottle of gin, for the privilege of  
Passing the line would have to go through  
The operation of sharing - the guards were  
Amongst the people, with their pencil in one  
Hand and paper in the other taking down

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The names of those that did not feel inclined to  
Pay the fine, and receiving money from those  
That did not wish to be shaved - after this was  
Complemented, the names of those that did not  
Paid the fine, were then in rotation call\*  
Forward, and those who were contumacious  
Were fetch\* by the guards, each one was blindfolded  
And seated backwards on the edge of the bath  
Something easily scrap\* off was spread over  
The face, and shaved off with a piece of hand

Saw, the smelling bottle, was applied to prevent  
Fainting, he is question\* preveiusly by Neptune  
As to whence he came from, who and what he  
Was, this questioning his done to get them to  
Speak, at the mean time the Barbers clerk  
Stands with his brush in his hand watching  
For the oppportunity of dabbing the brush in  
His mouth when he speaks - when he his  
Finshe\* shaving, a large swab is placed over  
The head by the two sailors in the water you  
Are then tipp\* over in the water and well  
Dunk\*, those who was shaved generally put on

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Light clothing, it being hot weather and  
salt water there is little discomfort and  
No danger in the process, putting on dry things  
At once - one of the ladies remarked to one  
That had been shaved, that she noticed  
They drew their heads oneside when the  
Smelling bottle was applyed, and she  
Supposed the essenc if contain\* was very  
Strong, yes he replied it was, but its  
Strength was a sharp pointed needle stuck  
In the cork that made us draw our heads  
Back, it pass\* off with much merriment  
For when all were shav\* Neptune himself  
Was well duck\*, and his attendants mutually  
Slush\* each other in salt water, till the  
Banks gave away and it escaped over the deck  
In its native ocean, afterwards some songs  
And dancing among the sailors finished  
The day sport -

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Sunday 18th  
A fine day with a good breeze, we went on  
Well all day, a sail was seen to the -  
Windward of us till the evening when it disappeared  
Monday 19th  
Fine sail in sight supposed to be the same  
We saw yesterday going a different direction  
The wind was good which increased towards the  
Evening and at 8 O Clock we appear\* to be going

Faster than we had been for several weeks past  
Tuesdays 20th

Wind fresh but not so strong, no vessel to be  
Seen, morning cloudy but clear\* up about  
11 O Clock, continued our course at fair speed  
Wednesday 21st

Blowing a stiff breeze, and going well, the  
Speed was taken by the third mate 7 ½ knots  
The hour, and not thoroughly a fair wind  
A flying fish flew on to the deck, and was  
Caught by the mate - a vessel pass\* very near  
To us to leeward, and going with the wind  
And in opposite direction, we soon lost sight  
Of her, the wind blew cold enough this evening

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To bear a light coat on as well as a shirt  
Thursday 22nd

Very fine with fresh breeze, going on the  
Forecastle to hang out my washing it blew  
My pocket handkerchief over board and sunk  
In the deep - there were these vessels in sight  
One near to us windward, the other barley  
Visible - we were going on satisfactory till we  
Saw the other getting a head of us, which  
Gave rise to uncomfortable comparisons of  
Our sailing with other vessles, for every one  
Seem\* to pass us, by the evening those had  
Pass\* us and out of sight, we set it down  
Therefore that our ship was built more for  
Work than speed -

Friday 23rd

Awoke at the crow of the cock - for with the  
Poultry on board were several cocks - and at every  
Mornings dawn they crow\* as regulary as if in  
Their farm yard at home - the sound was -  
Cheering and welcome - I think to all on board  
There was no ship in sight this moring - and

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The wind was not so strong - our progress was slow  
All day - but in the evening the wind freshen\* and  
At 11 O Clock at night we were going on briskly  
Saturday 24th

Fine with a very hot sun - but a cool brisk breeze  
And going a fair speed - a sail was seen ahead  
Coming towards us - and the wind beind quite in  
Her favour she was soon up to us, but too far to  
Speak except by signals - she was said to be an  
American - and ask\* of us if the war was ended  
Sunday 25th

Slack wind but a fine morning - sun very hot  
We appear\* to be nearly under it, as our shadows  
Projected neither way, but look a dumpy shade close  
Under us, - the night was very bright with stars  
Innumerable, and those ordinary most conspicuous  
Were scarcely to be recognis\* among the vast throng  
The moon had not than rose, and the darkness  
Of the night render\* visible - vast numbers not  
Commonly seen - when the moon rose the number  
Seen were much less - but those we had long  
Observ\* and most constantly in sight again

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Stood forward most prominent to notice  
Tho\* appearing less in size and lustre to others  
That disappeared before the light of the full moon  
The rising of the moon was striking it rose  
Majestically above the horizon like a globe of  
Pure fire rising in the clear heavens -  
Monday 26th

Rather a cloudy morning with little wind it  
Was fair forces, but of no power, moving very slow  
The latter part of the day was fine, and the sun set  
Somewhat grand, presenting the appearance of  
Some gigantic colosseum or temple of magnificent  
Architectural proportions festoon\* in fleecy clouds  
With a region of glorious light in the distance propecs  
Tuesday 27th

Cloudy moring wind more to the north - about  
Nine O Clock more sail was set and we increased  
Our speed, the wind again shifted before night  
To its old quarter and our speed deminished

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Emigants song  
A thousand miles form any land  
On the deep blue mains eternal tide

Hear the song of the emigrants joival band  
As over the waves they gaily ride

We are onward over the ocean bound  
To the promis\* land so free and fair  
We\* trace the earths vast qirdle round  
And plant a home and a people there

We've arms of nerve and hands of skill  
Knowledge of what life weal requires  
The firm indomitable will  
And courage of our ancient sires

We'll emulate their better charms  
Devout magnanimous and brave  
Rival their deeds of acts and arms  
The fame their deeds and powers gave

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The minor tutord from his birth  
To win with unerrign art and hand  
The treasure of the wealthy earth  
Disburting riches through the land

Taught from our first industrial day  
The forgesuse the engines power  
To lead the flying iron away  
Through mountain base over granite tower

To commerce train\* in our native isles  
we've led her over the worlds wide main  
Were our sails are seen, there commerce smiles  
We'll aid her course and promote her reign

He vales shall yield nuturious grains  
Well cultered by the plough  
The browsing herds shall fill the plains  
Flocks feed to the mountain brow

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May heaven upon our progress simle  
Industry shine with work well wrought  
Commerce be spotless of fraud or quite  
And light for life healing value sought

Our labour science shill combin\*  
With probity will soon create  
The happiness of human kind  
The genius beautiful and great

Then courage now my hearts so bold  
As in the prospect good appears  
As faith keen eye the views unfold  
And bright eyed hope the prospect cheers

So gaily on our course well steer  
To the far off land so free and fair  
We'll trace the earths vast convex sphere  
And falter not nor halt nor fear  
But plant a home and an empire there

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Wednesday 28th

Morning cloudy the ships course seem\* chang\*  
It appeared to be going north of sun rising, and  
We were soon told it was a foul wind - a ship  
Past us to the north homeward bound - we  
Seem\* to go at good speed all day - but put  
About ship in the evening to about south west  
It was a splendid starlight night -

Thursday 29th

A perfect clam at 6 in the morning what  
Little air there was appear\* to face it, we seem\*  
To go backward for light things floated before  
Us - the wind improved a little - get it was  
Too feeble to mund our pace much

Friday 30th

Morning fine with a good breeze, we were going  
On very well, the wind was fair, the sun was  
Soon did with clouds and it threated a wet day  
The wind increased and being fair, we went  
Along a better pace than we had done for some  
Time, and it lasted all day a strong fair wind

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Trista - D - Acunha, this group  
 Insists of three islands, the largest and  
 Thermost being named after the discover  
 Tristan - d Acunha; it is about 30 miles  
 circumference, and of circular form, being the  
 Base of a mountain which terminates in a peak  
 326 feet above the sea and may be seen at 25...  
 ...leagues distance, it is sometimes covered with  
 ...when the sun is in the northen hemisphere  
 ...is a considerable space of level lands, fit for  
 Cultivation, between the shore and the foot of the  
 Mountain - the soul sick, deep, and adequate to...  
 ...of all kinds of vegetables, & there is said  
 Shallow water and breakers extending...

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...the shores abound with wild celery,...  
 ...passley,: and there are numbers of wild goats  
 ...but apparently no other quadruped; large  
 ...of various fish frequent the surroun...  
 ...and the shores are covered with seals; sea lions  
 ...sea elephants; whales also: of the female or...  
 Kind, abound in the offing, - 2-0-0 2-11 2-12-6 \_\_\_\_  

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \quad 16-6 \\ \hline 39-0 \quad 7 \quad 6 \end{array}$$

Inaccessible island lies nearly W.J.W, by  
 From the northern islands, and is 9 leagues distant  
 The Blenden Hall, captain Greig, on her voyage  
 ...London to Bombay; in 1821, was totally lost  
 ...island; and eight of the persisted, the island...  
 ...about 9 miles long, well wooded, and remarkable high...  
 ...much so, that is a day work to obtain the summit, it...  
 ...constantly enveloped with clouds, and visited with...

**Page 3**

...From the west point of the island at other...  
 ...Shore is bold to, but modern accounts state it to be...  
 ...Rocks as dangers of any kind, ...  
 ...the north side of the island, the land rises perpendicularly...  
 ...towards of 300 yards, whence it ascends with a gentle...  
 ...to the base of the peaked mountains, which...  
 ...majestically over the table land, there is a...  
 ...the N.W. side of the island, with a beach of...  
 ...and, where boats may be hauled up; the bay; however

...open and much exposed. Here is an abundance of  
...water, falling from two cascades, one of them...  
...xxxx? Situated; that the water may be  
...into the casks in the boats by means of a...  
...e tround This bay is plenty of wood, but the trees...  
...small, and of the maple kind, burning remarks...  
...of drift wood, but never any on the western...

#### Page 4

...No harbour or cove, and can be landed on to...  
...heavy swell constantly prevails. Night in gala islands...  
...T 33 W distant 8 leagues from Tristan d Acunha...  
...Three islands are high, rocky and steep to; off the...  
...of the smallest islands a reef of rocks seems out a  
...considerable way, but no other danger is known about...  
...is no safe anchorage, but deep water changed then...

Simpathy                      Thomas Ellis Jotues Devo...  
To cheer the broken hearted                      To breath the thoughts...  
To weep with those that weep                      To offer the same pure...  
To comfort those who've parted                      To live with all as brothers  
From friends across the deep                      That virtue - ah! too...  
to sing the songs of joyfulness                      Such are the works of...  
...those that joyful are                      To suffer with and for  
...then in sorrows fulness                      And on the wounds it...  
...to shed the parting tear                      A soothing balm to pains...

#### Page 5

Jan Thursday 3rd  
Cloudy with heavy rain and hail  
Friday 4th  
A beautiful suny day with a good breeze going on well  
Saturday 5th  
...calm morning! Our pace was slack, till about the  
...past of the day, when a good breeze sprung up, and  
...our pace at a tolerable good rate  
Sunday 6th  
...good shiff breeze, with a little seen and intervals of hail...  
Monday 7th  
A pleasant day with a gentle breeze -  
Tuesday 8th  
A very wet dirty day, but a beautiful breeze  
...very uncomfortable for the passengers, as they were  
...to keep between decks on account of the weather  
Wednesday 9th

A pleasant day with a good stiff breeze, going on well  
Thursday 10th

A cloudy morning with a beautiful breeze - till  
...about the middle past of the day, whence it clear\* - off  
...fine clear sky, and the breeze still continued, we made  
...way towards our long wish\* destination

Friday 11th

...morning was still cloudy, with a good breeze  
...continued all day till about the beginning past...  
...evening, when it gradually increas\* to heavy  
...unfortunately one of the yards broke in too -  
...by the strength of the wind, and some past owing to  
...weakness of the timber, this is sail to be...

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...but the xxxx? she has got looks as if it...  
been in use for years, for a good rope it was impossible...  
find to day the mate accompanied by the boats...  
and sailors were engaged in looking out some sail...  
discover\* one of the boxes that contained bottled...  
Been broken open and the preserved traits...  
Which contained, two doz\* bottles belongind to...  
Cargo, the offendance or offenders are not as...  
Its reported we shall be delay\* in Sydney, as...  
Intends bringing it before the magistrates

Saturday 12th

A delightful morning with the breeze just as...  
Before, and continued all day going on at a tolerable  
Rate, we are just off van Demmons land, to day...  
Another horse died of the same complaint as the...  
About the middle past of the day its body was cast...  
The deep, this day had been a busy one with the ships...  
Repairing the yard and sail that was shot..  
...even the night before, and is again now weary...

Sunday 13th

A pleasant day, with a beautiful breeze going on...

Well - Monday 14th

A beautiful morning, our pace was not so fast as...  
Till about the beginning past of the evening, the wind...  
Up and we went on again at a much better rate,...  
Our Raisns fall short as there was no more left, we...  
Disappointed as being our only choice food Aboard the...  
For puddings, which we shall find the want of our...  
Devonshire puddings

Tuesday 15th

A beautiful morning the sun shone out most brilliant...

And the day was quite warm, the breeze was...

Day and we made good way towards our journey\*...

Wednesday 16th

A cloudy morning with a good breeze, unfortunately...

Too stiff a breeze, for we met with the same misfortune...

On the formast yard as we did on Saturday...

Yard, towards evening the wind slacken\* and we even...

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Weds 16th

We are now about 60 miles off Van Demons land

Which if the wind had not blown so stiff from this

Land, it would have been perceivable to the eye

Thursday - xxxx? 17th

This morning about half past two a heavy squall

Came on all of a sudden, which torn our main sail

In pieces, this cause\* a great confusion on deck

And also between decks, for the females were so much

Frighten\* that they run\* about with their night dress

On like people out of they minds, walking in their sleep

The day was rough throughout, scarcely any sail up, till

About night the wind cleard off little, and the sea

calmer, we soon got up more sail, to day a vessel approach\*

In sight apparently coming behind us, but too far off to

Discourse what she was, or were she was bound too, for the

Squalls were so heavy that it drove us far apart from on another

Friday 18th

A beautiful pleasant day, the wind died away this

Morning and continued all day, till about late in the

Evening, it sprung up a little, and we went on faster than

We had for the day, to day all hands were engaged in getting up

The fore yard, that was shatter\* by the wind on Wed this

Improved our pace a great deal, by meeting with these misfortune

Throw us back a considerable distance we are now between four

And five hundred miles from Sydney -

Sat 19th

A cloudy morning but a pleasant day, our progress

Was slack, till about the beginning past of the evening the

Wind sprung up and we went on a tolerable good rate

Sunday 20th

This morning our pace was much increased, it was reported

We should see land towards evening, at half past two

We approached\* in sight of land call\* Cape        about 23  
Miles from Sydney. The wind was against us all day

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About 6 O Clock we were able to have a full view of  
Cape Howard we were obliged to attach several times to get  
Clear of land. As crew steamer pass\* us here by the name  
Of Wonga, Wonga, a trading steamer from Sydney to  
Melbourne, there was a great quantity of passengers  
On board, we hoisted our colours, a we whave\* our caps  
And, handkerchief one too another, the Cape Howard...  
Lighthouse was see from a distance shrining most brilliantly  
Mon 21st

The wind still continues contrary for ending our passage  
To Sydney, we put about ship again this morning about  
4 O Clock and continued until between 3-& 4 this afternoon  
When we again altered our position

Tues 22nd

Wind the same as yesterday, we still continued the...  
course These two days we only nade 18 miles towards  
Our destination, this afternoon we were much amused by  
A great number of porpoises the largest fish we\* seen with  
The exception of the whale -        Tho Ellis

Wed 23rd

A beautiful morning with a good breeze, we are now going  
Our right course towards Sydney, to day the sailors were  
Busy in getting up the cable chain in rediness for anchoring  
Thur 24th

...we approach\* in sight of land, and we still  
Continued in sight of land all day, we expect to see Sydney  
Tomorrow, our pace was slow antiles the beginning past  
Of the evening the wind sprung up and we went on at a good rate  
Friday 25th

This morning was a beautiful one, we still continued on  
Pace as last night about 9 O Clock we were apposite Bading Bay  
about 9 miles from Sydney, the sailors Came on the board

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At sydney head, and we got good way up the harbour  
Were we received a steamer, and we were tow\* up to the warf  
Without delay, before we came up to Sydney the Doctor  
Came on board in the harbour to see all was well before  
We came in which happen\* to be all were we arrived up to  
Sydney about half past ten in morning, and went on shore

In the afternoon, the harbour at Sydney is a beautiful one  
We step on board this evening

Sat 26th

This morning we were all busy in getting the horses

On shore, and taking down the boxes, and also

Getting our luggage in order for the steamer

In the evening after all was done we had a walk

over Sydney, this evening the steamer left Sydney

For Hunter river about 100 miles from Sydney

We call\* at Newcastle

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