



The Mignonette 1867-1884
RIP Richard Parker



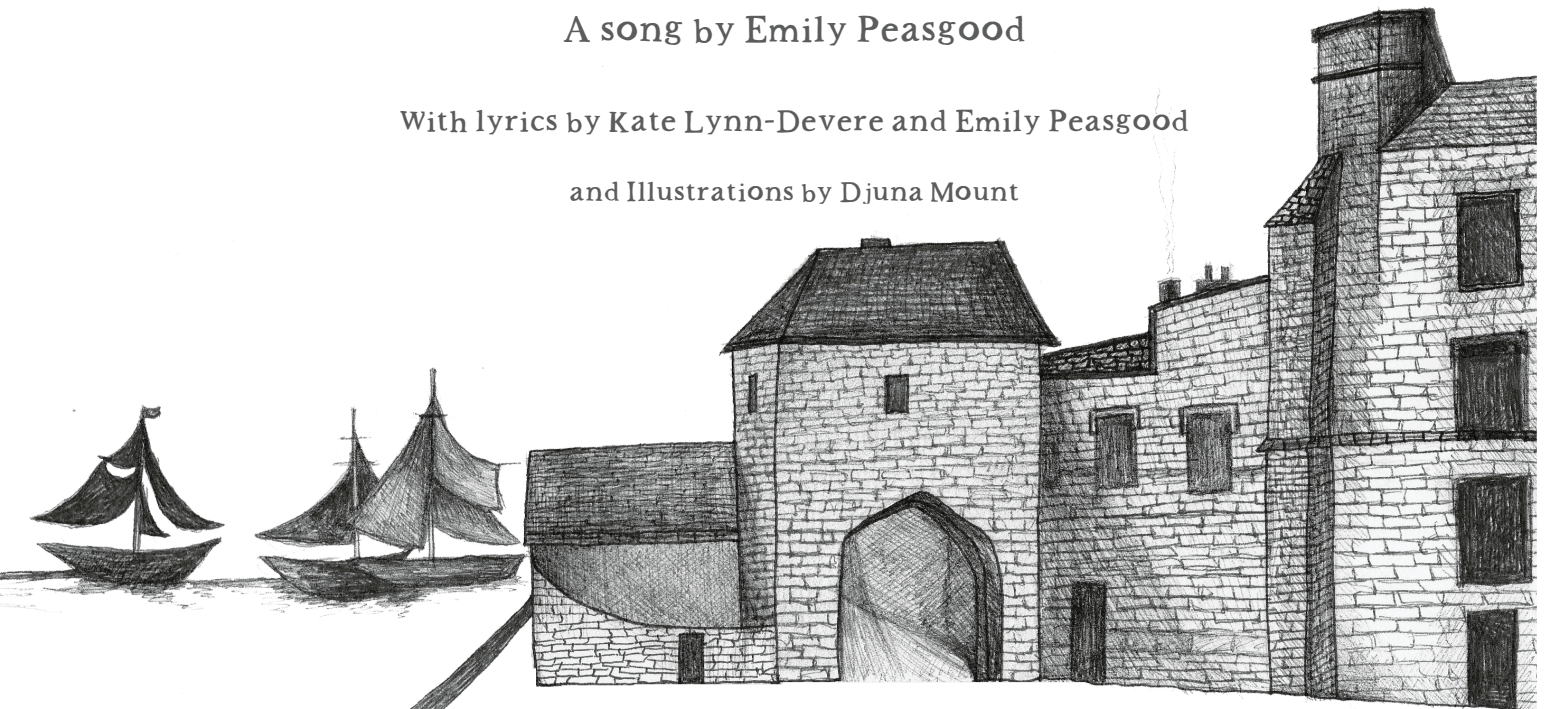
The Grace Dieu
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WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A SHIP

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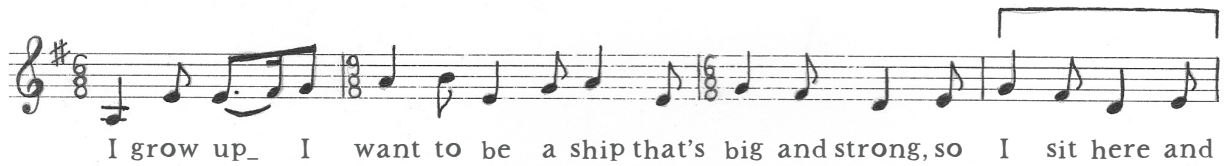
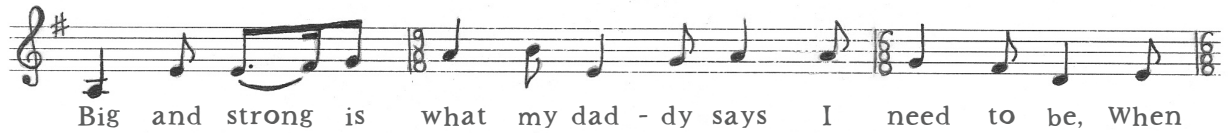
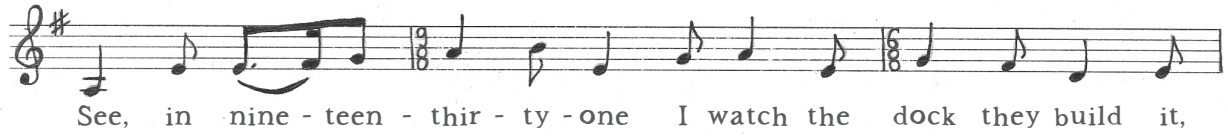
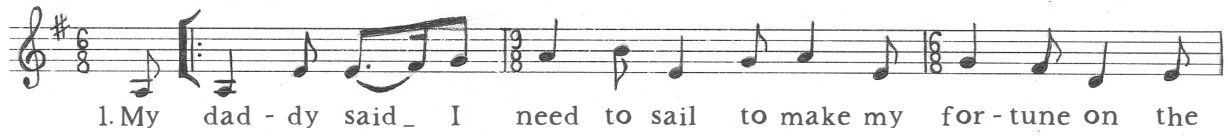
The William Poulsom
1916-1945 (1969)
RIP Thomas Wedgwood



RMS Amazon
1851-1852

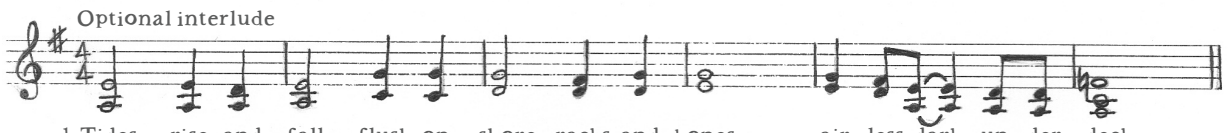
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dream.

2. My



1. Tides rise and fall, flush on shore racks and bones, air - less dark un - der deck.

2.
My granny said that people sailed who couldn't swim because the
Ships were built so big and strong they'd never sink but still
The custom of the sea claimed Richard Parker, just a boy like
Me and granny thinks I ought to swim before I sail but I sit here and dream

3.
My granny said that folk were sure the sea would cure their ills but
Mummy says the sea's a cure that saves less than it kills like
Mary Rogers, who went down while saying: "Lord, have me!"
Her lifebelt given away to save another from the sea while I sit here and dream

4.
At God's House Tower I sit and watch them steal the beach to build the
Docks are very big and strong just like my daddy said that
I should be a man, I'll make my fortune on the sea
When I grow up I want to be a ship that's big and strong so I'll sit here and dream

5.
My mummy says I ought to learn to walk before I run and
Learn the ropes as a cabin boy, that sea life's not all fun, and
If my ship is lost at sea, will sailors swallow me like
Richard Parker was a cabin boy, he'll never run at all

Performance note: This score presents the core melody which can be sung as a duet with overlapping lines, or as a round song. Some verses omit the indicated bar, stop earlier or have an extra line. Interpret them freely. The melody can sit over an A drone and sounds ethereal with Am, F and D chords. But do interpret flexibly and make it your own. This song is free to record, adapt and perform, but the writers must always be credited.

6.
My daddy was an engineer who sailed upon the sea un-
Till one day it took away his life, it was his desti-
Kneeling in the engine room beyond the ocean waves, he's
Lost beneath the sea that mummy says kills far more than it saves

7.
For once upon a time when I was young the docks were filled with
Light and colour and masts and funnels, everything was bright
I dreamed of being a ship when I grew up, my heart was filled with pride
But dreamers wake when storm clouds break, to find their dreams have died
I dreamed of being a ship when I grew up and it was all a lie

8.
My daddy said a man should sail to make his fortune on the
See, but when my daddy died all that he made was misery
But what else can I do? What else is there for men like me?
'Cause daddy said a man should sail...

9.
Some sail away to leave behind a troubled hearth at home for
Home is where the heart is meant to be and sailors have to
Roam away from lovers, and a man needs time to think of
All the ways to get lost at sea and all the ships that sink and I don't want to die

10.
I watched them raise his boat from where it lay beneath the waves and
Saw them weigh a chance for profit where I saw his grave
My father said I ought to seek my fortune on the sea but
If my ship is lost will greed and cold hard profit swallow me?

11.
They built these docks on land where pirates hanged on gallows in the
Sand-washed by three tides to see them drown before they cut them
Down below the water father lay a year before they
Came to raise the wreck, shown less respect than any buccaneer

12.
For once upon a time the skies above the docks were filled with
Light and colour and masts and funnels, everything was bright and
Every heart was filled with pride to see the ships so tall but
That was only a dream and now there is no light at all

13.
They say in twenty-fifty, when the sea begins to rise
The docks and God's House Tower will be lost beneath the tide
I sat and watched them build the docks, they built them strong and true
These docks they stand on borrowed land and now the debt we owe is due

14.
We built these docks on borrowed land, we pushed the sea away but
Hubris leads to nemesis, all glory fades to grey, and
When the first tide reaches in it will take back what's due and
With the second tide the docks will sink into the blue and we sit here and dream

Optional interlude by Tabitha Liu

1.
Tides rise and fall
Flush on shore, racks and bones
Airless dark under deck

2.
Tides rise and fall
Wash up body, tumours, spots
Swollen rat, noses around

3.
Tides rise and fall
Swallow Titanic, ships and wrecks
Rusty ship rails, sink and sleep and
Panic crews cry and scream

4.
Tides rise and fall
Float up bottle, bags and caps
Plastic particle diffuses and flows

5.
Tides rise and fall
Grow up coral, pale and thick
3-eyed fishes, choke and hooked



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RIP Emily Lewis



The Mayflower
1608-1624

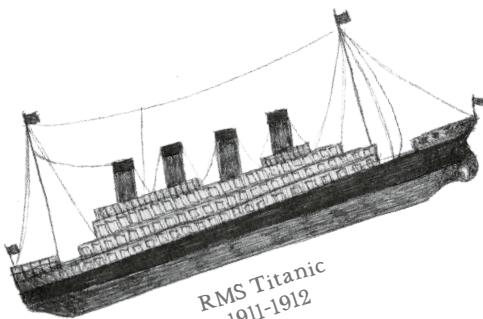
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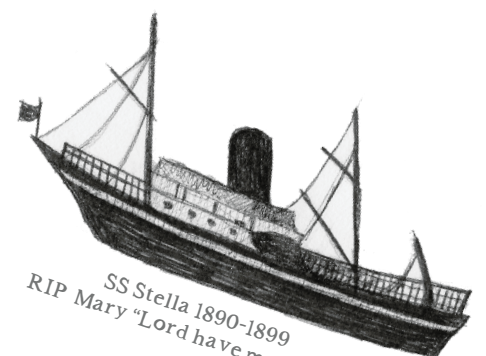


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RMS Titanic
1911-1912



SS Stella 1890-1899
RIP Mary "Lord have me Rogers