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### "Angus Hempstead"

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ANGUS HEMPSTEAD

(Grit Laskin)

A fair maid walking all in her garden  
A crushing flower beds all the while  
She just ignores the cobblestone pathway  
Thinks I she'll be easy to beguile  
So I stepped in view saying, "How do you do, ma'am?"  
And may I ask your true love's name  
O Angus Hempstead is my true love  
Have you brought me news from the raging main  
Well, if Angus Hempstead is your true love  
Who for many long years has been out to sea  
He has become a well known legend  
And it's news of this I bring to thee  
Twas while the wars were raging fiercely  
Both sides decided to stop for tea  
And thinking to catch some fish for supper  
Bold Angus threw hook and line to sea  
Now he hooked a shark that pulled him over  
Unto the seabed dragged him down  
The sunken ships there tore his body  
But still our Angus refused to drown  
Well they surfaced every twenty minutes  
And as they did we caught a view  
Of torn and mangled Angus Hempstead  
Whose blood in profusion did spew  
His long intestines hung beside him  
His single arm, it had no hand  
From where we stood, his neck looked broken  
And from his mouth and nose fell lumps of sand  
Now when this fair maid heard my story  
Her stomach, it grew pale and sore  
Somehow from this act I decided  
She was loyal, so I said, Fair maid, feel sick no more  
I am your true love, Angus Hempstead  
Here is the ring you gave to me  
Through thick and thin, through fair and foul  
I've had this ring to remember thee  
But a ring like that I've never owned, sir  
Twas a coin twas broke twixt Angus and me  
I think you are either terribly mistaken

Or somewhat twisted as I can see  
So this couple never did get married  
And soon to bed they did not go  
They never lived in a country cottage  
And of her cuckoo's nest, he'll never know  
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