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1 IT fell upon a Wodensday

Brown Robyn's men went to sea,  
But they saw neither moon nor sun,  
Nor starlight wi their ee.

2 'We'll cast kevels us amang,  
See wha the unhappy man may be;'  
The kevel fell on Brown Robyn,  
The master-man was he.

3 'It is nae wonder,' said Brown Robyn,  
'Altho I dinna thrive,  
For wi my mither I had twa bairns,  
And wi my sister five.

4 'But tie me to a plank o wude,  
And throw me in the sea;  
And if I sink, ye may bid me sink,  
But if I swim, just let me bee.'

5 They've tyed him to a plank o wude,  
And thrown him in the sea;  
He didna sink, tho they bade him sink;  
He swimd, and they bade lat him bee.

6 He hadna been into the sea  
An hour but barely three,  
Till by it came Our Blessed Lady,  
Her dear young son her wi.

7 'Will ye gang to your men again,  
Or will ye gang wi me?  
Will ye gang to the high heavens,  
Wi my dear son and me ?'

8 'I winna gang to my men again,  
For they would be feared at mee;  
But I woud gang to the high heavens,  
Wi thy dear son and thee.'

9 'It's for nae honour ye did to me, Brown Robyn,  
It's for nae guid ye did to mee;

But a' is for your fair confession  
You've made upon the sea.'

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