He Never Smiled Again - song lyrics

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Beside a vine-clad covered cot, an old man stood one day, Where years ago he'd cursed his son, and drove the lad away; He knows he wronged his only boy, his heart is racked with pain; 'twas that that marr'd his life and joy, and started this refrain:

Chorus.

He never smiled again, He never smiled again; When he banished his boy, it shattered his joy He never smiled again.

A friend of mine, with spirits light, declared one night he'd go
To see a laughing comedy at some well-posted show;
He went to see the (local show), they heard his laughing strain,
But the band played "Annie Rooney," and the water soaked his brain.

Chorus.

He never smiled again. He never smiled again; That murderous strain soon softened his brain, He never smiled again.

One day a country hayseed stood upon a race-course track, He made a bet he'd jump upon a frisky horse's back; The horse turned on the "hayseed "with a look of quiet disdain; The jury said, "Kicked by a horse," and sang this sad, sad strain:

Chorus.

He never smiled again,
He never smiled again;
They buried him deep, and said let him sleep,
He never smiled again.

Beneath the window of a store, a dude stood one fine day,'
And watched a safe ascending, he'd been warned to stand away.
He smiled and ridiculed their fears, when suddenly the chain
Gave 'way, and when the safe came down it freed him from all pain.

Chorus.

He never smiled again, He never smiled again; 'Neath the bed of the stones they looked for his bones, He never smiled again.

A lover called upon his girl, he stood within her room. Her brother that same day had sworn that dude should meet his doom. He sat down on a two-inch tack, then howled with fearful pain; He rubbed the bosom of his pants just where he'd felt the strain.

Chorus.

He never smiled again, He never smiled again; When he goes into sup, he's compelled to stand up, He never smiled again.