

Then the court met, and they tried  
Lewis up and down each side;  
On the good old-fashioned plan;  
But the jury cleared the man.  
Now, *you* think that this strange case  
Ends at just about this place.  
*Nay, not so.* Again the law  
On defendant placed its paw—  
This time takes him round the cape  
For effecting an escape;  
He, unable to give bail,  
Goes reluctantly to jail.

Lewis tried for this last act,  
Makes a special plea of fact:  
"Wrongly did they me arrest,  
"As my trial did attest,  
"And while rightfully at large,  
"Taken on a wrongful charge.  
"I took back from them what they  
"From me wrongly took away."

When this special plea was heard,  
Thereupon the State demurred.  
The defendant then was pained  
When the Court was heard to say  
In a cold impassioned way—  
"The demurrer is sustained."

Back to jail did Lewis go,  
But as liberty was dear,  
He appeals and now is here  
To reverse the Court below.  
The opinion will contain  
All the statements that remain.

*Argument and Brief of Appellant:*

As a matter, sir, of fact,  
Who was injured by our act,  
Any property, or man?—  
Point it out, sir, if you can.  
Can you seize us when at large  
On a baseless, trumped-up charge;  
And if we escape, then say