

THE DURHAM GARLAND

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Then looking up his cabinet,
He went from his own chamber straight
Unto his only parents dear,
Beseeching them with many a tear

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That they would grant what he would have —
"But first your blessing I do crave,
And beg you 'll let me go away,
'T will do me good another day."

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"And if I live I will return,
When seven years are past and gone."

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Both man and wife did then reply,
"I fear, my son, that we shall die;
If we should yield to let you go,
Our aged hearts would break with woe."

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But he entreated eagerly,
While they were forced to comply,
And give consent to let him go,
But where, alas! they did not know.

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In the third part you soon shall find,
That fortune was to him most kind,
And after many dangers past,
He came to Durham at the last.

PART III

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He went by chance, as I heard say,
To that same house that very day
In which his Godfather did dwell;
But mind what luck to him befell —

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This child did crave a service there,
On which came out his Godfather,