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That's how the jury got it, but / know a thing  
or two ;

And I say that night when he kissed her, he  
knew what he meant to do ;

For his will was made, and it told her to marry  
the sailor chap

If it pleased the Almighty to take him—accident  
too, mayhap ?

She went away from the village, and the farm  
and the house were sold,

And she'd married young Barnes ere her mourn-  
ing was barely a fortnight old.

A cold-blooded thing to do, sir?—Not a bit of  
it. She was right ;

For she knew what was wearing his heart out  
when he went to his death that night.

He laid down his life that a father, cast up from  
the jaws of the sea,

Might hallow before God's altar the mother of  
one to be.

It was just a month to the day, sir, since Burton  
was found here dead,

That the baby was born to Mercy.—Why,  
bless us ! the lights are red !