

## ONE STORY IS GOOD TILL ANOTHER IS TOLD.

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There's a maxim that all should be willing to mind ;  
'Tis an old one, a kind one, as true as 'tis kind ;  
'Tis worthy of notice wherever you roam,  
And no worse for the heart if remembered at home.  
If scandal or censure be raised 'gainst a friend,  
Be the last to believe it, the first to defend ;  
Say, to-morrow will come, and time will unfold  
That "one story is good till another is told."

A friend, like a ship, when with music and song  
The tide of good fortune still speeds him along ;  
But see him when tempest hath left him a wreck,  
And any mean billow can batter his deck ;  
But give me the heart that true sympathy shows,  
And clings to a messmate whatever wind blows ;  
And says, when aspersion, unanswered, grows bold,  
Wai, "one story's good till another is told."

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