

Fresh Hops & Hemp

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My home used to be on a far away shore
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
I fear now forever I'll see it no more
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

I serve under masters not cruel but not kind
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
Of my health and hardships they pay little mind
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

Round, red or pale, hearty and hale
Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale

My family and kinsfolk are far, far from me
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
But I wish them good fortune wherever they be
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

I miss my good children, I miss my fair wife
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
But I'll make what I can of this poor servant's life
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One day I'll be lucky, my freedom to win
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
And I'll roam through this country to find kith and kin
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

As a free man I'll wander far to the west sea
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
And what service I do will be service to me
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

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As a free man I'll purchase a house of my own
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
Made of good wood and good thatch and good stone
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

As a free man my days will be pleasure to keep
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
I'll live my life gently and pass in my sleep
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I work a long day and I sleep a short night
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
So this mug full of beer is a comforting sight
(Fresh hops and hemp truly make a good ale)

Prithee talk with me, friend, while I finish this brew
(Sit ye down, laddie, and tell us your tale)
With a few more like this, I'll be in a good stew
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