The Flying Cloud

(Sea Song)

My name is Arthur Hollandin, as you may understand
I was born ten miles from Dublin Town, down on the salt-sea strand,
When I was young and' comely, sure, good fortune on me shone,
My parents loved me tenderly for I was their only son.

My father he rose up one day and with him I did go,
He bound me as a butcher's boy to Pearson of Wicklow,
I wore the bloody apron there for three long years and more,
Till I shipped on board of The Ocean Queen belonging to Tramore.

It was on Bermuda's island that I met with Captain Moore,
The Captain of The Flying Cloud, the pride of Baltimore,
I undertook to ship with him on a glorious voyage to go
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It all went well unt[illegible]
And five hundred of them poor slaves, me boys, from their native land we bore,
Each man was loaded down with chains as we made them walk below,
Just eighteen inches of space was all that each man had to show.

We plundered many a gallant ship down on the Spanish Main,
Killed many a man and left his wife and children to remain,
To none we showed no kindness but gave them watery graves,
For the saying of our captain was: "Dead men tell no tales."

It's now to Newgate we have come, bound down with iron chains ,
For the sinking and the plundering of ships on the Spanish Main,
The judge he has condemned us and we are condemned to die.
Young men a warning by me take and shun all piracy.

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Titel: The Flying Cloud

Komponist: Unbekannt Anonymus

Epoche: Shanty

Thema: .Ohne Thema

Reihe/Zyklus: Traditional

Schwierigkeit: Leicht

Instrumentierung Gruppe: Sologesang

Arrangement: Solo>X

Instrumentierung: *Gesang Solo>X = unbestimmte Stimmlage (J(1)*

The Flying Cloud – Was für ein poetischer Name für ein grausames Schiff! Eines der schlimmsten Verbrechen der Menschheit ist wohl der Sklavenhandel. Dieses Schiff hat sich ohne viel Federlesens und ohne schlechtes Gewissen daran beteiligt. Für einen kleinen „Nebenverdienst“ wurden auf den Fahrten auch gerne mal Kauffahrer überfallen und ausgeplündert. Das aber galt als größere Straftat als der Sklavenhandel, und so wurde die Mannschaft geschnappt und zum Tode verurteilt.