

When a man is married as I was at an early age
as young and tender girl of 14 summers and
and not that I loved her but because I took
fancy to her it is uncertain whether he will
love and cherish her or make her miserable
but my life was a wild one and a sailor
and just look at how much she has done for
me when I was in poverty she took me as
partner of her bosom when in sickness she
has ever stood by my side and nursed me
with a mother's care and when in misfortune
she has ever been by my side to console and
comfort me and when others has cast me
off she has nobly stood by me and
when I have returned home drunk with
intoxicating liquors she has stood and washed
over me in the dark hours of the night
and when the fumes of drunkenness
have been kept away she has ever been
by my bedside to administer drink
to my burning frame and often as she
has light beamed from her eyes as
she has besought me for the love I
bore her and our smiling faces to turn
off drinking and by what have I repaid her
with for doing this I loved her yes I loved
her as well as man can love but intoxicating
got the master of me and I was its slave

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