

# The Two Noble Kinsmen

## 3.4

*Enter the Jailer's Daughter*

### JAILER'S DAUGHTER

I am very cold, and all the stars are out too,  
The little stars and all, that look like aglets±±  
The sun has seen my folly. Palamon!  
Alas, no, he's in heaven. Where am I now?  
Yonder's the sea and there's a ship±±how't tumbles! 5  
And there's a rock lies watching under water±±  
Now, now, it beats upon it±±now, now, now,  
There's a leak sprung, a sound one±±how they cry!  
Open her before the wind±±you'll lose all else.  
Up with a course or two and tack about, boys. 10  
Good night, good night, you're gone. I am very  
hungry.

Would I could find a fine frog±±he would tell me  
News from all parts o'th' world, then would I make  
A carrack of a cockle-shell, and sail  
By east and north-east to the King of Pygmies, 15  
For he tells fortunes rarely. Now my father,  
Twenty to one, is trussed up in a trice  
Tomorrow morning. I'll say never a word.

*(She sings)*

For I'll cut my green coat, a foot above my knee,  
And I'll clip my yellow locks, an inch below mine eye, 20  
Hey nonny, nonny, nonny,  
He s'buy me a white cut, forth for to ride,  
And I'll go seek him, through the world that is so wide,  
Hey nonny, nonny, nonny.  
O for a prick now, like a nightingale, 25  
To put my breast against. I shall sleep like a top else.

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