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An Admirable New Northern Story (1658-1682)

Of two constant Lovers, as I understand, Were born neer *Appleby*, in *Westmerland*; The Lad named *Anthony*, *Constance* the Lass, To Sea they went both, and great dangers did pass. How they suffered Shipwrack, on the Coast of *Spain*, For two years divided, and then met again: By wonderful fortune, and care accident, And now both live at home in joy and content.

The Tune is, I would thou wert in Shrowsbury.

Two Lovers in the *North*, Constance and Anthony, Of thou I will set forth a gallant History. They lov'd exceeding well, as plainly doth appear, But that which I shall tell, the like you ne'r did hear.



She still crys Anthony, my bonny Anthony Gang thou by Land or Sea, i'le wend along with thee.

Anthony must to Sea, his calling did him bind. My Constance dear (quoth he) I must leave thee behind. I prethee be not griev'd, thy tears will not prevail, Ile think on thee my sweet, when the ships under sail. But still, &c.

How may that be (said he) consider well the ease, Quoth she sweet *Anthony*, I'le bide not in this place: If thou gang so will I, of the means do not doubt, A womans policy great matters may find out: *My bonny, &c.*

I would be very glad, but prethee tell me how, Ile dress me like a Lad, what sayst thou to me now? The Sea thou canst not brook, yes, very well, quoth she, Ile scullain to the Cook, for thy sweet company. *My bonny, &c.*

Anthonies leave she had, and drest in Mans array, She seem'd the blithest Lad, seen on a Summer's day. O see what Love can do, at home she will not bide, With her true love she'l go let weal or woe betide. My dearest, &c.



In the Ship 'twas her lot to be the under Cook, And at the Fire hot wonderful pains she took. She served every one, fiting to their degree. And now and then alone, she kissed *Anthony*. *My bonny Anthony*, *my bonny Anthony*, *Gang thou by Land or Sea*, *i'le wend along with thee*.

The second Part, to the same tune.

Alack and welladay, by tempest on the Main, Their Ship was cast away, upon the Coast of *Spain*. To th' mercy of the waves, they all committed were, *Constance* her own self saves, then she cries for her dear: *My bonny Anthony, my bonny Anthony, Gang thou by Sea or Land, i'le wend along with thee.*

Swimming upon a Plank, at *Bilbo* she got ashore, First she did heaven thank, than she lamented sore: O woe is me (said she) the saddest Lad alive, My dearest *Anthony*, now on the Sea doth drive. *My bonny, &c.*

What shall become of me, why did I strive for shore: Sith my sweet *Anthony*, I never shall never see more, Fair *Constance* do not grieve,



the same good providence, Hath sav'd thy lover sweet, but he is far from hence; *Still she cries, &c.*

A Spanish Merchant rich, saw this fair seeming Lad, That did lament so much, and was so grievous sad. He had in England been, and English understood, He having heard and seen, he in amazement stood. Still she, &c.

The Merchant asked her, what was that *Anthony*, quoth she, my brother Sir, who came from thence with me He did her entertain, thinking she was a boy, Two years she did remain, before she met her joy. *Still she, &c.*

Anthony up was tane, by an English Runagade, With whom he did remain at the Sea-robing trade, I'th nature of a Slave he did i'th gally row, Thus he his life did save, but *Constance* did not know. *Still she, &c.*

Now mark what came to pass, see how the fates did work, A Ship that her masters was, surpriz'd this English Turk, And into Bilbo brought, all that aboard her were, Constance full little thought Anthony was so ne[?] *Still she, &c.*



When they were come on shore, *Anthony* and the rest, She who was sad before, was now with joy possest, The Merchant much did muse, and this so sudden change, He did demand the news, which unto him was strange. *Now she has Anthony, her bonny Anthony, Gang thou by land or sea, i'le wend along with thee.*

Upon her knees she fell, unto her Master kind, And all the truth did tell, nothing she kept behind, At which he did admire, and in a ship of *Spain*, Not paying for their hire he sent them home again. *Now she has, &c.*

The Spanish Merchant Rich, did of's own bounty give A sum of gold on which they now most bravely live, And now in Westmerland, neer unto Appleby, They were joyn'd hand in hand *Constance* and *Anthony* [?] They live in [?]