Shanghaied Again

The Irish Rovers

She said that she loved me and would always be true And I told her that I loved her too And though we'd just met there was magic that night Like a book, it was love at first sight Then she took me upstairs with a smile and a wink But the sweetheart had fiddled my drink And when I awoke she was not next to me For I was 200 miles out on the salt sea

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Just home from sea and glad was I to be on solid ground I swore to god that nevermore would I leave Belfast town I sold all my cold weather gear to some naïve young tar And with me pockets jingling I stopped in the harbour bar

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Well straight way she came up to me and took me by the arm
Her angel looks beguiled me and I thought ah what's the harm
We drank, we laughed, we kissed and cooed just like true lovers do
'twas then she whispered in me ear "I think that I love you"

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I scarcely could believe me luck as we went up the stairs She gave to me a glass of wine as she unpinned her hair I drank it quick as lightning as she let her red dress fall And her naked beauty is the very last thing I recall

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I woke aboard a sailing ship me pour ould head was sore Out among the rolling waves far from the shamrock shore No weather gear to keep me warm no one to pity me 'twas then I wished that I was dead put out of misery

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So here I am a sadder man but wiser just the same I've learned me lesson well this time I know her little game She took me pride, she broke me heart she stole me money too

No more I'll trust those pretty girls likewise their witch's brew

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