

12. Denial

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I said to the hangman
Just before he slipped the noose around my neck
“For some time now, I’ve been so tense
“And my nerves are such a wreck
“So I wonder if you’d be so kind
“If you’d be a pal, if you wouldn’t mind
“Give me a minute to unwind
“After I drop down through the deck.”

I said to the headsman
Just before I lay my head upon the block
“You know, I didn’t sleep a wink last night
“With the ticking of the clock
“There’s a throbbing now inside my brain
“And you know it’s driving me insane
“Could you give me something for the pain
“After you’ve finished with your tomahawk?”

I said to the captain
Just before he put the blindfold to my eyes
“Please, sir, my poor heart’s broken
“By a fickle lover’s lies
“I feel so sad now, so upset
“Can you help me to forget
“All my heartache, suffering, and regret—
“My, isn’t that a lovely sunrise!”