Bonnie Bobby Shafoe

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This is the short story behind the age-old rhyme: "Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea, Silver buckles on his knee, He'll come back to marry me, Bonnie Bobby Shaftoe"

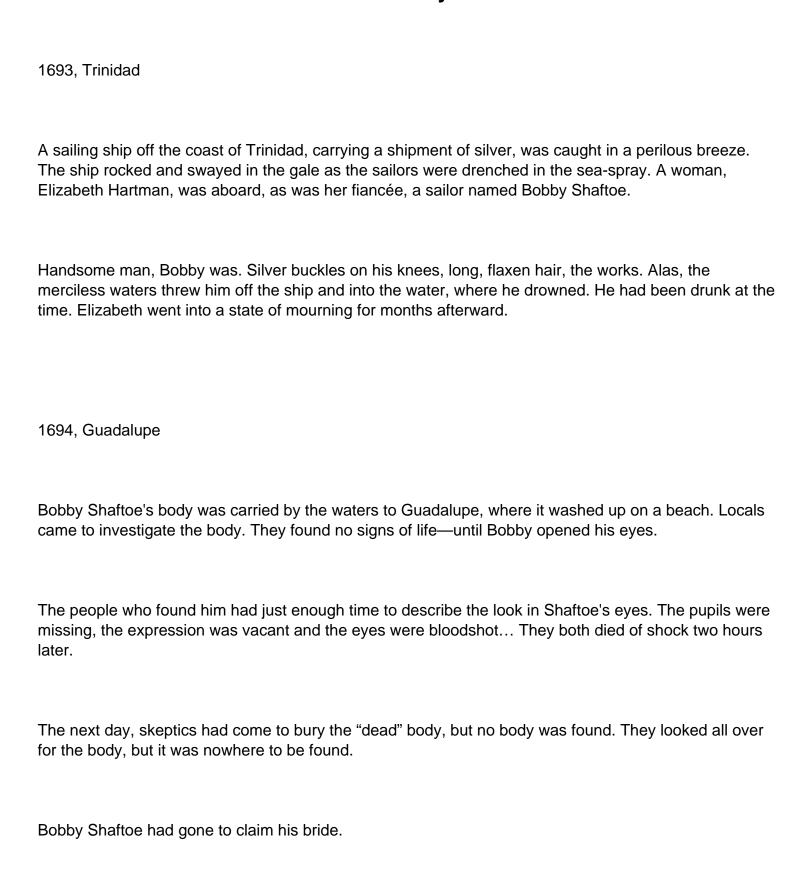
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Elizabeth was back in England. She had long forgotten Bobby's death. She looked out the window. She saw cliffs, stars in the black sky, the sea...

But ho! What was that? A black shape had appeared in the water. Not a sea lion's head, nor a fish. It was a human head. Slowly, the man walked out of the water. Elizabeth was so shocked, she hid. A knock on the door was heard. "Come in!" Elizabeth said automatically. She didn't realize how scared she was at the time.

It was Bobby.

Nobody knows what happened afterward, but this nursery rhyme remains.

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