

THE WRECK OF THE DUNBAR

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- 1/ OH THE CARRIAGES AND HORSES, RUSH TOWARDS THE COAST
WHERE THE RUMOUR IS OF SHIPWRECK ON THE ROCKS FAR BELOW
AND THE BODIES OF THE PASSENGERS SO WELL KNOWN IN THE TOWN
FLOAT ON THE WAVES 'NEATH WHICH THEY DROWNED

- 2/ THE TIDE BRINGS IN THE JETSAM, THE REMNANTS OF THE LIVES
THE BODY PARTS AND TRINKETS OF THE HUSBANDS AND THE WIVES
THE ROCKS ARE PAINTED CRIMSON WITH THE BLOOD THAT STAINS THE SEA
WHO IS TO BLAME FOR SUCH A TRAGEDY?

- 3/ THERE BELOW THE CLIFFS THEY SPY AN INJURED MAN
BATTERED BY THE TIDE HOLDING ON AS BEST HE CAN
AND THE STORY THAT IS HIS OF CONFUSION ON THE BRIDGE
POINTS THE FINGER AT THE LIGHT UPON THE HILL

- CH/ MACQUARIE LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTLY THERE ABOVE 'THE GAP'
TO GUIDE THE LONELY SAILOR TO THE HARBOUR
BUT IT STANDS TOO FAR FROM SAFETY FOR THE MASTER IN HIS CAP
TO FIND THE WAY TO SYDNEY THROUGH THE STORM

- 4/ SO NOW YOU'LL FIND A BEACON EACH SIDE OF SYDNEY HEADS
THE LEGACY OF SHIPWRECK AND FORGOTTEN DUNBAR DEAD
BUT TYPICAL OF GOVERNMENT, BACK THEN, JUST AS TODAY
IT TOOK TRAGEDY TO MAKE THEM THINK AGAIN
WHEN THEY LABELLED SYDNEY HARBOUR 'PORT OF SHAME'

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