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Mournful Tragedy!

Lines on the Drowning of Six Young Men in the Harbor
of Portland, near Diamond Cove.
BY WILLIAM WITHINGTON.

Young men who in this city live,
Or in the Pine Tree State,
We have a solemn warning here
For you, which we relate,

It may not be in the same way
That these young men met death;
But when bold death calls us, we say
We must yield up our breath.

Of seven young men who took a sail,
All in the prime of life;
By death were call'd to leave their friends,
With children and their wife.

Then to the judgment we must go,
Where God will judge us all;
And that will be when Gabriel's trump,
Shall give us the last call.

They went down Portland harbor for
To take a pleasure sail,
The eighth day of October, when
Six perish'd in that gale.

Then we shall meet our friends again,
On Canaan's happy shore;
And spend a long eternity,
Where death will be no more.

There was but one who swam to shore,
To tell the news to all;
He said, near Diamond Cove, their boat,
Was capsiz'd in a squall.

Here, men will sin, day after day,
From morning until night;
But in that world, we hear them say,
Will be a glorious light.

Since then their bodies have been found,
And brought up to this place;
Where all their wives and children dear
Could once more see their face.

The sting of death, we read, is sin,
Death now from that makes free;
But in the world we have not seen,
There we must shortly be.

Their friends will long time mourn their loss,
Here in the State of Maine;
But still, it may be said, our loss
Is their eternal gain.

We now submit these lines to those
Who mourn the loss of friends,
And hope they'll seek a heaven of joy,
Where pleasure never ends.

But we, who now survive the dead,
Have got to follow soon;
It may be by the morning light,
At midnight, or at noon.

Tune--"Auld Lang Syne."

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