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**Document:** *“Grand Scheme for Emigration,” A Loyal Pair,” and “Epitaph,” transcribed by Thomas Welsh*

**Transcription:**

Grand scheme for Emigration

The Brewers should to Malta-a-go  
The loggerheads to Sicily  
The Quakers to the Friend-ly Isle’s  
The Fur-riers all to Chile  
The little brawling squalling babes  
That break our nightly rest  
Should be packed off to Baby-lon  
The Lap-land or to Brest

From Spithead cooks go o’er to Greece  
And while the miser waits  
His passage to the Guinea coast  
Spendthrifts are in the Straights  
Spinsters to the Needles go  
Wine-bibbers to Burgundy  
Gourmands should lunch at Sand-wich Isles  
Wags in the Bay of Fun-dy

Musicians hasten to the Sound  
The surpliced Priest to Rome  
While still the race of hypocrites  
At Cant-on are at home  
Lovers should hasten to Good Hope  
To some Cape Horn in pain  
Debtors should go to O-hi-O  
And Sailors to the Maine

Hie Bachelors, to the United States  
Maids to the Isle of Man  
Let Gardeners all to Botany go  
And shoeblacks to Japan  
Thus emigrants and misplaced men  
Will then no longer vex us  
And all that ain’t provided for



Had better go to Texas  
A Loyal Pair

“I’ll list for a soldier” says Robin to Sue,  
To avoid these eternal disputes!”  
“Aye, aye,” cried the termagant “do Robin, do,  
I’ll raise the meanwhile fresh recruits.”

Epitaph

Underneath this stone doth lie  
As much of our love as could die  
Which when alive did vigor give  
To as much beauty as could live

Old Mitchell asked his prentice, Bevel  
How long he meant to serve the devil?  
The lad replied, with looks devout,  
You know, sir, when my time is out?

**Analysis: McMahon**

*The first poem is a recitation of unknown origin that Welsh either knew from experience or found in a period publication. Although I could find no contemporary references, the poem was published in several late nineteenth and early twentieth century prose and poetry publications, the earliest being “Young Folks’ Recitations” compiled by Mrs. J.W. Shoemaker, 1888. “A Loyal Pair” and “Epitaph” appeared on the front page of the Baton Rouge Gazette (Louisiana), May 29, 1841. Both are unattributed.*

**Scope and Content:**

Poems transcribed by Thomas Welsh. "Grand Scheme for Emigration," 4 stanzas, 32 lines, followed by "A Loyal Pair" consisting of 1 stanza, 4 lines, and "Epitaph" consisting of 1 stanza, 8 lines. The date of the first poem is not identified, the second and third appeared in the Baton Rouge Gazette (Louisiana) on May 29, 1841.

