

# Bards in the Bog

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## PASSENGERS

Tall ship out of Plymouth with a merchant cargo,  
Mayflower, heading westward from an English quay  
With a deck full of pilgrims, Puritans, Separatists,  
Fathers of a nation that will rise up free.

Fragile little rowboat from a Uist sealoch,  
Battered by the storm waves of the Minch's night  
With a prince in a petticoat, Milton's Daughter,  
Crossing to Loch Snizort on their midnight flight.

Faintly rusting cruise ship out of Milford Haven,  
Bound for Gran Canaria and the Mardi Gras  
With a deck full of bikers, boozers, fugitives,  
Bent on Easter weekend in a rundown bar.

*Andrew Lane*

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