

The Destruction of Seaton Hall

It was the third of January the year 1822,
A shocking fire at Seaton-Hall appear'd onto our view,
About the hour of four o'clock the fire was first then seen,
The people all came flocking down as fast as they could win
So let us all take care of fire, be cautious now with all,
For it has laid the grandeur of the beauty of the Hall

About the hour of five o'clock the flames appear'd more bright,
But but before the hour of six o'clock it alarm'd the place outright,
Between the Hartley-Pans and Seaton Hall the road was lin'd along
With hundreds of all ages, it was never seen so throng.

Between the hours of seven and eight, from that till it was nine,
The fiery smoke did reach the air and round the hall did shine,
It enter'd into marble hall where flames they did abound,
The dissolution it was seen by all the country round.

The flames went to the fruit room, to it they did retire,
Where all its grandeur was display'd to be consumed by fire,
The lead came running down so fast, like water from the sky,
And at the front of Seaton Hall was shocking to come nigh.

There was many one a standing by people of young and old,
And every blaze there'd different said - twas glorious to behold,
For those who went for to assist, they got no thanks at all,
Which made them care the less about the burning of the hall.

The water-engines they did play, but it was still in vain,
It was too late e'er they did come the burning raged amain,
They freely said both one and all, the like was never seen
At Hartley-Pans or Hartley Town a fire so sharp and keen.

Let every one, both young and old, take care of fire, I pray,
For burning is a terrible thing, and very bad to stay,
The beauty of Northumberland, as I have said before,
It once was bonny Seaton-Hall, but now it is no more.

Now to conclude these verses, and I mean to end my song,
The news was sent unto the heir, e'er it was very long,
And when that he receiv'd the news for to look on with all,
He would get a pretty new-year's gift concerning Seaton- Hall.