## **Crazy Man Michael**

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Within the fire and out upon the sea Crazy man, Michael was walking He met with a raven with eyes black as coal And shortly they were talking Your future, your future, I will tell to you Your future, you often have asked me Your true love will die by your own right hand And crazy man, Michael will cursed be Michael, he ranted, and Michael, he raved And he beat at the four winds with his fists-o He laughed and he cried, he shouted and he swore

For his mad mind entrapped him with a fist-hold You speak with an evil, you speak with a hate You speak for the devil that haunts me For, is she not the fairest in all the broad land? Your sorcerer?s words are to taunt me He took out his dagger of fine and broad steel And he struck down the raven through the heart-o The bird fluttered long and the sky, it did spin And this cold earth did wander ?round startled

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