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Sir John Fielding chief Magistrate of Bow Street was blind from the latter end of his life.

A song was while gave an account of a thief, whom he ordered should be transported for life thus

"Why you lie, you old blind B—r I'll be back by Christmas day."

Says he, M'Flanagan you're a fine fellow, you
Have just got to go to sea.
Why you lie you old blind buz—r
I'll be back by Christmas day.

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Sandman Joe

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The Ballad sung as sung at the Anacreontic Society — This was a society held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand, by Gentlemen

1

Oh, the other day, as Sandman Joe,
Up Holborn Hill was jogging,
His raw boned steed, it scarce could go,
Yet still the dog kept flogging,
His raw boned steed, scarce fit for the crows,
Just starved to death could scarce go.
Whilst gallows Joe his rump he rubb'd
And roaring cried, Why times you
Lilly white beard. O. — Why
times, your Lilly, Lilly, Lilly,
Lilly white beard. O.

2

Scarce far he'd gone to sell his beard
Twas near a neighbouring alley
When turning of his head about,
He spied his flash girl Sally;
His raw boned steed, scarce fit for the crows,
Could scarce stand, when he cried woo!
But to keep him up, his rump he rubb'd
and roaring cried, white
beard. O. — Why &c

3

He stared awhile, then turned his guid,
Why, blast you, Sall, I loves you!
And to the prove what I have said,
This night I'll soundly fuck you.
Why then says Sall, my heart at rest
If what you say you'll stand to;
His brawny hands, her bubbies prest
And roaring cried, white beard.
Why — times, &c &c

4

Said Sall to Joe, where shall we go,
To get some gin to warm us?
Why blast you to St Giles's pound,
There thine the gin wont harm us.
His raw boned steed &c —

5.

When to St Giles's they had got,
They made themselves quite merry;
They fine times spar'd the quartern pot,
With glorious gin so cherry
His raw boned &c

6

O then they kiss'd, and then shook fist,
My dearest Joe I know you:
As sound a dog as ever piss'd
This night I'll dose with Joey.
Then away they went so well content,
With hearts
To play the game you all know,
While Gallows Joe he wag'd his
arse, and roaring cried —
white beard O. — Why heaves
your Lilly Lilly Lilly — lil-ly — li-lly
white — beard — Oh!.

It was usually for a long time on saturday nights — sung in an open space at the back of St Clement in the Strand at the front an alehouse door called the Crooked Billet. by two women who used to sham dying away as they concluded the song — amidst roar of laughter.