

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner **By – Samuel Taylor Coleridge**

- The old mariner with grey beard and a glittered eye stops one of the three persons going to attend a wedding feast.
 - The man is in no mood to listen to him, but the mariner narrates his story.
 - When they started their voyage, they were given a warm send-off.
 - After some days a storm arose and drove their ship towards the icy South Pole.
 - Then one day an albatross – a huge sea bird – appeared.
 - A wind helped the ship come out of the cold region.
 - It was considered a bird of good omen. Then one day the old mariner shot the bird dead.
 - When the ship reached the equator, the breeze stopped.
 - It was very hot. There was no water to drink.
 - The sailors held the old mariner responsible for their sufferings, because he had killed the albatross.
 - So they snatched the cross from the old mariner's neck and hung the dead albatross in its place.
 - The dead albatross around his neck was a constant reminder of his guilt.
 - The ancient Mariner stops one of the wedding-guests.
 - He wants to narrate his tale to him and unburden his grief.
 - The wedding-Guest is in a hurry as he has to attend the wedding party.
 - The bright-eyed Mariner made the wedding-guest helpless.
 - He had no option but listen to his tale.
 - The old Mariner began narrating his story.
 - Their ship was cheered off the harbor happily.
 - The sailors saw in their dreams a spirit that was plaguing them.
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