

# Jinny Bingham's Ghost

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Be sure to raise a toast  
To the patron saint of the waifs and strays  
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Once she was a fresh-faced lass, from Kentish Town she came  
Her people, they were pedlars, Jinny Bingham was her name  
With her husband Gypsy George a Camden coach house they did keep  
Till they hung him by his neck from Tyburn Tree for stealing sheep  
It broke her heart to lose her love when she was just a child  
So a man named Derby took the hand of Jinny meek and mild  
He was a drinker, not a thinker, daily brought his wife to tears  
Until one Camden winter morning, Derby simply disappeared

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She earned her reputation on those bitter Camden streets  
If you'd tarry with the Bingham girl, you'd hold your manhood cheap  
But even so the miser Pitcher was the third man on her lips  
Till one night they checked her oven, found him burned up to a crisp  
They tried her for his murder, thought they'd finally cooked her goose  
But even when the next man died, Jinny somehow slipped the noose  
He was a fugitive from justice, for love she took him in  
But he beat her once to often and the poison did him in

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The locals didn't like her, false words followed her around  
They called her wicked woman, sorceress of some reknown  
They swore that on the gravestones of her husbands she'd grown rich  
The ribald and the righteous, they knew she was a witch  
But the reason she was hated was a simple one indeed  
She had kindness for the careless, she took in those in need  
The guilty and the gamblers, the harlots and the whores  
All knew that Jinny offered sanctuary at her bar  
No judgement for the judged, and you can never fall too far

On the day she died, they swore they saw the devil by her side  
A mob broke down her door and from her chair her body pried  
The tavern is still standing, it's now called the Underworld  
And it still offers sanctuary for all broken boys and girls

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