

Shame And Scandal

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In Trinidad there was a family
With much confusion as you will see.
There was a Mama and a Papa and a boy who was grown,
He wanted to marry a wife by his own.
He met a young girl, who suited him nice.
He went to his Papa to ask his advice.
His Papa said: Son, I have to say no,
That girl is your sister, but your Mama don't know!

Woe is me. Shame and scandal in the family!
Woe, it worries me. Shame and scandal in the family!

A week went by, the summer came down,
Soon another girl on the island he found.
He went to his Papa to name the day.
His Papa shook his head and this time he did say:
You can't marry this girl, have to say no,
That girl is your aunty, but your granny don't know! Hey!

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Woe, it worries me. Shame and scandal in the family!

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And told his Mama what his Papa had said.
His Mama, she laughed, she said: Go, son, go!
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