

Billy Budd Part I Notes

Aldebaron constellation, saw a **sailor** under the **Prince's Dock**, black dude, wore gold earrings, **Scotch Highland** bonnet with a tartan band, in **Liverpool**, in **July**. His shipmates were from different tribes, dressed well enough to make appearance in front of **French Assembly as Reps of the Human Race**. **Billy be Damn** One expected him to be at the helm of boats on **Erie Canal**, also a **boxer/wrester**. Also known as **Baby-Budd** Age 21, **foretop man** of British fleet, 1790's. **Impressed** on the **HMS Indomitable**, in the **Narrow Seas**, on the way home to **England**, boarding officer was **Lieut. Ratcliffe**. Led by **Captain Graveling**.

When **Billy** came, it was like **Catholic Priest** striking peace in an **Irish shindy**.

Rights of Man named after **Thomas Paine's volume**, ship owned by **Girard of Philly**, named ships after philosophers. When the ships departed, Billy jumped up and started waving.

"the Handsome Sailor's position aboard the 74 was analogous to the rustic beauty transplanted from the provinces and brought into competition with the high born dames of the court."

Said he didn't know where he was born or who his father was. Couldn't read, but could sing. As much self consciousness as a **St. Bernard dog**. At time of enlistment, the Indomitable was to go to **Mediterranean**

Great Mutiny at Nore, **bluejackets** leading 3 deckers/74's broke away. Nelson ship **Victory** at **Portsmouth** **Nelson** won a crown at the **Nile**, then at **Trafalgar**. People like **Don John of Austria** replaced the **American Decatures of 1812**. A **Star** is in the **Victory's** quarter deck to signify where he died

Alfred calls Nelson greatest sailor of all time, but not to call Gen. Duke of Wellington the best gen of all time

Vice Admiral Horatio also turned on his crew, Lieutenants stood behind gunners, swords drawn

Captain Vere of the 74. Was a **flag lieutenant** under **Rodney** in the West Indies. Dressed like a sailor.

Known as **Starry Vere**, he would stare off into the blank ocean all alone, **Lord Denten**, cousin gave it to him.

He never went to sea without books, books that had intelligent people in powerful positions with authority

Thought innovators were at war with peace and the good of mankind.

John Claggart – Master of Arms under Vere, Teach men to use swords/cutlasses, keep peace on lower deck Had complexion on his chin that can't see sunlight. Rumors spread that he was a chevalier that joined navy because of a swindle when he was arraigned. Billy, talked to a **Baltimore Negro**, a **Trafalgar** man, at

Greenwich, about the idea of joining the navy for security. They were short on men so bad they drafted people out of jail. Americans at **Bunker Hill** thought the Atlantic was no barrier that Napoleon couldn't cross

They knew as much as the history of Claggart as a comet before it shows up in the sky.

The Dansker went around with a **scar** and known as the "**Board Her in the Smoke**"

Billy never walked by him w/o a salutation. **Dansker** came up with the name, "**Baby Budd**".

Called **Claggart Jimmy Legs**, says he was on to **Billy**, **Billy** spilled **soup** on ground, **Claggart** walked by, told him "handsomely done", then "look where you go!" Billy was supposed to be the **Peacemaker**.

Envy is in the heart, not the brain, intelligence doesn't protect against it. **Claggart** envied **Billy Budd**

Claggart was a **scorpion** for which **God** is solely responsible. His conscience is the "**lawyer to his will**"

After Guard called to him, told Billy to meet him on one of the 6 platforms. Said that there's a lot of impressed guys, want Billy "help", showed him two things, billy got scared, **Forecastleman** called Billy "**Beauty**", came to meet him when they heard his voice, along with "**Red Pepper**".

What are Red Whiskers?

Is Billy Budd/Graveling/Ratcliffe on the Rights of Man or on the Indomitable?

What's a fiddler's Green?

Was the Indomitable English or French? How about the Rights of Man?

What were Bluejackets?

Who is Alfred? Called Nelson greatest sailor, but is he the one that beat napoleon at Waterloo?

The 74 is the Indomitable, right:?