

## 99 Eclipse Blues

On the day the earth went dark,  
I said, so blow this eclipse lark,  
I'm going to a place where no-one's been,  
Along the cliffs I'll plod, far from the madding mob,  
To Lyonesse, the land beyond Port Quin.

It gave me quite a fright,  
When a pulsing, blinding light  
And a flying saucer landed by some gates,  
Out popped a little gnome, from this mobile mini dome  
Followed by a score of greenish mates.

They were baldy little creatures  
With snouts and Star Trek features  
One hair, a question mark held on by suction  
This wacky little horde, carried me aboard  
A victim of alien abduction.

They all recoiled in fright  
Said, "Wot a gruesome sight,  
Is there more of what you call mankind?"  
The Chief said, "Don't you touch or look at him too  
much,  
My mum said it would only make you blind.

"If you gaze at that humanity,  
It will slowly sap your sanity,  
Make a pin-hole in a little square of cardboard."  
They told me, "Now that you have seen us,  
We all come from Venus,  
This board is what we call starboard.

"We turn the sun off at eleven,  
They climb up here, and point to heaven  
All these ugly womenkind and men,  
They think it's astral magic, but it's really rather tragic,  
In seventy years we'll do it all again.

"Let's get orf this chunk of granite  
And get back to our planet  
Before the pubs call time back up in space."  
They told me, "You have been a sport, 'ave a bottle of  
port,  
You need it to forget that ugly face."

They zoomed off in their rig  
And I took a little swig  
Then another and I got a little squiffy  
My lonesome little ramble, ended up with a brain  
that's scrambled  
Until I woke, and jumped up in a jiffy.

Although I'm rather tempted  
To think I only dreamt it  
I know the day had been a trifle wearing,  
Then in my eye I caught, the starboard and the port,  
At least I knew I hadn't lost my bearing.

So if you're around Port Quin  
And I've got a soppy grin  
Lying back and basking in my glory,  
That abduction weren't too bad, I think I'm ET's dad,  
But that, dear folks, will be another story.