The Baltimore Fire

Charlie Poole & the North Carolina Ramblers

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          I                                IV
It was only through a fault and by an error
          I                                V
That I heard a cry I ever shall remember
        I                                  IV
The fire sent and cast its burning embers
        I              V           I
On another fated city of our land

I
"Fire! Fire!" I heard the cry
IV                           I
From every breeze that passes by
IV                    I                  V
All the world was one sad cry of pity
I
Strong men in anguish prayed
IV                    I
Calling aloud to heaven for aid
IV                    I
While the fire in ruins laid
         V                           I
Fair Baltimore, the beautiful city

Amid an awful struggle of commotion
The wind blew a gale from the ocean
Brave firemen struggled with devotion
But the efforts all proved in vain
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