

the mermaid

't Was Friday morn when we set sail,
and we were not far from the land.
When the captain spied a lovely mermaid,
with a comb and a glass in her hand.

refrein: Oh the ocean waves may roll,
and the stormy winds may blow, (may blow.)
While we poor sailors, go skipping to the top,
and the land-lubbers lay down below, below,
and the land-lubbers lay down below.

Then up speak the captain, of our gallant ship,
and a well-spoken man was he.
I've married a wife in Salem town,
and tonight she a widow will be.

refrein

Then up speak the cook of our gallant ship,
and a red-hot cook was he.
I care much more for my kettles and my pots,
than I do for the depth of the sea.

refrein

Then three times around went our gallant ship,
and three times around went she.
Then three times around went our gallant ship,
and she sank on the depth of the sea.

refrein (2e keer a capella)