

Ch: We'll rant and we'll roar, like true British sailors, We'll rant and we'll roam all on the salt seas Until we strike soundings in the Channel of old England, From Ushant to Scilly is thirty-five leagues.
2. We hove our ship to, with the wind from south-west, boys,

We hove our ship to, for to strike soundings clear
Then we filled the main topsail and bore right away, boys,
And straight up the Channel of old England did steer.
3. So the first land we made, it is called the Deadman, Next Ram Head, off Plymouth, Start, Portland, and Wight We sailed by Beachy by Fairlight and Dover And then bore away for the South Foreland light.
4. Now the signal was made for the grand fleet to anchor

All in the Downs that night for to lie
Then stand by your stoppers, see clear your shank painters,
Haul up your clewgarnets, let tack and sheets fly
5. Now let every man take off his full bumper,

Now let every man take off his full bowl
We'll drink and be jolly and drown melancholy,
And here's to the health of true hearted soul.

