Nobody saw our sails on the horizon Nobody heard propellers in the dawn Nobody smelt our coal fires burning Nobody knew--under the radar we crept on.

Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, propellers in the dawn Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, under the radar we crept on!

Nobody saw our broadsides at their window Nobody heard our trapdoors swinging wide Nobody saw our cannons taking aim Nobody heard my whispered "Fire, blow their sides."

Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, propellers in the dawn Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, under the radar we crept on!

Somebody heard our cannon fire ringing Somebody saw the windows shattering Somebody saw the hooks and tethers flying Somebody saw my crew with swords drawn coming in!

Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, propellers in the dawn Here we come, on the run, our coal fires are burning Here we come, fife and drum, under the radar we crept on!