It if wasn't for the ships that do sail, that do sail, It if wasn't for the ships that do sail, Dublin Lady wouldn't have to sit alone upon her stool, It if wasn't for the ships that do sail.

If it wasn't for the butter tubs and coal all in the hold, Dublin Lady wouldn't have to spend her nights alone and cold,

If it wasn't for the kegs of beer and cattle in the pen, Dublin Lady wouldn't miss her sailor laddie now and then,

If it wasn't for the Irish Sea so narrow with no reef, Dublin Lady wouldn't have to sit and weep all in her grief,

It's because of the Irish Sea so narrow with no reef, It's because of those ships that do sail, Dublin Lady has to sit and weep alone all in her grief, It's because of those ships that do sail.