

# The Good Ship Rover

## The Irish Rovers

I'm the son of a son of a sailor and I spend all me  
time on the sea.

On a tall clipper ship named the Rover, she's home to  
my shipmates and me.

We've sailed her through all kinds of weather, through  
waves that were high as the mast.

And she brings us back safely to Ireland to her home in  
the port of Belfast.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to  
her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're  
out on the Blue.

The goodship lies ready at anchor. We sail with the  
tide in the morn.

Across the Atlantic to Boston and to Frisco around by  
Cape Horn.

Fairwell and adieu to you Nancy! I'm off to the sea for  
awhile.

But you are the one I will think on til I'm back on  
Paddy's Green Isle.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to  
her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're  
out on the Blue.

We're now in full sail on the ocean with the westerly  
wind blowin' free.

She cuts like a knife through the water, she rules  
every wave of the sea.

She's the fastest tall clipper a sailin', the pride of  
the company line.

Doing 17 knots in the voyage she'll hurry ya back home  
in fine time.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to  
her Captain and Crew.

May kind Providence shine upon them whenever they're  
out on the Blue.

And now we're nearin' olde Ireland, for the harbor has  
come into sight.

The lassies are all on the dockside, there'll be singin  
and dancing tonight.

We'll be drinkin' strong whiskey and porter, til they  
carry us out through the door.

And when we have spent all our money we'll go back on  
the Rover once more.

And we'll drink to the health of the Rover. Likewise to  
her Captain and Crew.

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