

Living On The Mary Rose

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Chorus

Take a peek below the decks,
Grab the chance to inspect.
Might not be what you expect,
Living on the Mary Rose.
For a sailor life is tough,
Even worse when seas are rough.
Join the crew if you're strong enough,
Living on the Mary Rose.

Verse 1

Go see the purser - he'll give you your pay,
Gambling's illegal but still we all play.
Moving of Morris men, rolling of dice,
If you're unlucky, you'll lose in a trice.

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Verse 2

Go see the surgeon if you're feeling ill,
He'll make you a cure or will reach for his drill.
If things are bad, he can cut off your leg,
If they are worse put a hole in your head.

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Verse 3

Go see the cook for a bowlful of stew,
It's made in the oven - in fact there are two.
Officer's status is clear when they dine,
Crockery's pewter - how very refined!

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Bridge

And after work we have some fun,
Blow the tabour pipe, bang the tabour drum.
Each night on board the main event:
Mary Rose Musical Merriment.

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Now you have the inside track,
As we sail to France and back.
Climb aboard – you'll get the knack,
Of living on the Mary Rose,
It's very crowded.
Living on the Mary Rose,
With Hatch the ratter.
Living on the Mary Rose,
King Henry's flagship.
Living on the Mary Rose.

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