

# Donovan, Henry Martin

There were three brothers in merry Scotland  
In merry Scotland there were three aye  
And they did cast lots which of them should go  
should go should go should go aye  
And to turn robber along the salt sea  
to turn pirate along the salt sea

The lot it fell first to Henry Martin  
The younger of all the three  
that he should turn robber along the salt sea  
salt sea salt sea salty sea aye  
For to maintain his two brothers and he  
to maintain his two brothers and he

He had not been sailing but a long winters night  
And part of a short winters day aye  
When he a-spied a stout lofty ship  
lofty ship lofty ship lofty ship aye  
Come a bibben down on him straight away  
Come a bibben down on him straight away

Hello Hello cried Henry Martin  
What makes you sail so nigh-aye?  
Im a rich merchant ship bound for fair London town  
London Town London Town London Town-aye  
And will you not please for to let me pass by?  
Wont will you please for to let me pass by?

Oh nay Oh Nay cried Henry Martin  
This thing it never can be aye  
For I have turned pirate along the salt sea  
salt sea salt sea salty sea aye  
for to maintain my two brothers and me  
to maintain my two brothers and me

come lower your top sail and slacken your mizen  
and bring your ship under our lead aye  
or will we give to you a full cannon ball  
cannon ball cannon ball cannon ball aye  
and all your merry men drown in the sea  
all your merry men drown in the sea

We wont lower our top sail nor slacken our mizen  
Nor bring our ship under your lead  
and you wont give us your full cannon ball  
cannon ball cannon ball cannon ball aye  
nor all our merry men drown in the sea  
all our merry men drown in the sea

Then up him and at him and at him he went  
For fully two hours or three aye  
Til Henry Martin gave to them the death shot  
the Death shot aye  
And all the merry men drowned in the sea  
all the merry men drowned in the sea

sad news sad news to old England came  
sad news to fair London town aye  
theres been a rich vessel and shes cast away  
cast away cast away cast away aye  
and all her merry men drowned in the sea  
all her merry men drowed in the sea  
all her merry men drowned in the sea  
all her merry men drowned in the sea

