

Cumberland's Crew

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The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. Below the staff are two rows of guitar tablature. The first row is numbered 1-5, and the second row is numbered 1-4. The tablature includes various fret numbers and rhythmic markings such as '3' and '5'.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody from the first system. It features the same treble clef, key signature, and time signature. The tablature below the staff continues with fret numbers and rhythmic markings, including a '5 2 5' marking at the end of the system.

Now then, shipmates, come gather and join in my ditty
 Of a terrible battle that's happened of late
 When each Union tar shed a tear of sad pity
 When he heard of the once-gallant Cumberland's fate.

O eighth day of March told a terrible story
 And many brave tars to this world bid adieu,
 Our flag it was wrapped in a mantle of glory
 By the heroic deeds of the Cumberland's crew.

On the ill-fated day, about ten in the morning,
 The sky it was clear and bright shone the sun.
 The drums of the Cumberland sounded a warning
 That told every seaman to stand by his gun.

Then an ironclad frigate down on us came bearing,
 And high in the air the Rebel flag flew.
 The pennant of treason she proudly was wearing,
 Determined to conquer the Cumberland's crew.

Then up spoke our captain with stern resolution,
 Saying, "Boys, of this monster, now, don't be afraid (dismayed)
 We've sworn to maintain our beloved Constitution,
 And to die for our country we are not afraid!"

Our noble ship fired, our guns dreadfully thundered;
 Our shot on the Rebel like hail we did pour.
 The people on shore gazed, struck with terror and wonder,
 As our shot struck her side and glanced harmlessly o'er.

Now pride of our Navy can never be daunted,
 Though the dead and the wounded our decks they did strew
 "We'll die at our quarters or conquer victorious!"
 Was answered in cheers by the Cumberland's crew.

"We've fought for the Union, our cause it is glorious.
To the Star Spangled Banner we'll ever prove tre.
We'll be wept for by Columbia's brave sons and fair daughters
And never forgotten,"sang the Cumberland's crew.