

Come all ye seamen bold, and draw near  
Admiral Benbow

Come all ye seamen bold,  
And draw near, and draw near  
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And draw near  
It is of an admiral's fame  
O brave Benbow was his name  
How he fought all on the main  
You shall hear, you shall hear.

2. Brave Benbow he set sail,  
For to fight, for to fight  
Brave Benbow he set sail,  
For to fight.  
Brave Benbow he set sail,  
With a fine and pleasant gale  
But his captains they turn'd tail  
In a fright, in a fright.

3. Says Kirby unto Wade,  
"We will run, we will run."  
Says Kirby unto Wade,  
"We will run.  
For I value no disgrace  
Or the losing of my place  
But the enemy I won't face  
Nor his guns, nor his guns."

4. Then Ruby and Benbow  
Fought the French, fought the French,  
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Fought the French.  
They fought them up and down  
'Til the blood came trickling down  
'Til the blood came trickling down  
Where they lay, where they lay.

5. Brave Benbow lost his legs  
By chain shot, by chain shot,  
Brave Benbow lost his legs  
By chain shot.  
Brave Benbow lost his legs  
And all on his stumps he begs  
Fight on, my English lads  
'Tis our lot, 'tis our lot.

6. The surgeon dress'd his wounds,  
Cries Benbow, cries Benbow,  
The surgeon dress'd his wounds,  
Cries Benbow.  
"Let a cradle now in haste  
On the quarterdeck be placed,  
That the enemy I may face  
'Til I die, 'til I die.