

On the 23rd of February
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On the 23rd of February,
The weather being clear.
We spied to be sure seven Turkish men-of-war,
Come a sailing from Algier.

Chorus:

To me ri fol leather ol,
ri fol leather ol,
ri fol leather ol lay.
Rol a diddle i,
rol a diddle i,
to me ri fol leather ol lay.

2. Well the very first ship to come alongside,
Was called the Green Pea.
We fired to her a warning shot,
And quickly she did flee.

Chorus:

3. Well the very next ship to come alongside,
Was called the Prince so clear.
Commanded by the big Bagsham,
Come a sailing from Algier.

Chorus:

4. Well the very next ship to come alongside,
Was called the Rose and Crown.
We fired our broadside into her,
And quickly she went down.

Chorus:

5. Well the very next ship to come alongside,
Was called the Harp and Lyre.
We fired our pitch buckets into her,
And quickly she took fire.

Chorus:

6. Well two we sunk and two we took,
The rest they ran away,
And one we brought to Englands shore,
Just to show we won the day.

Chorus:

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