

A Yankee Ship, And A Yankee Crew, - song lyrics

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A Yankee ship, and a Yankee crew,
Tally hi ho! you know
O'er the bright blue waves like a sea-bird flew,
Singing hey aloft and alow!
Her sails are spread to the fairy breeze 1
The spray as sparkling thrown from her prow,
Her flag is the proudest that floats on the seas,
When homeward she's steering now!

A Yankee ship, and a Yankee crew,
Tally hi ho! you know
With hearts aboard, both gallant and true,
The same aloft and alow;
The blackening sky, and the whistling wind,
Foretell the approach of a gale;
And a home and its joys flit over each,
Husbands, lovers, on deck there! a sail!
A Yankee ship, and a Yankee crew,
Tally hi ho! you know!
Distress is the word, God speed them through,
Bear a hand aloft and alow

A Yankee ship, and a Yankee crew,
Tally hi ho! you know!
Freedom defends the land where it grew,
We're free aloft and alow!
Bearing down a ship, in regal pride,
Defiance floating at each mast-head;
She's wrecked, and the one that floats alongside,
The stars and stripes that's to victory wed;
A Yankee ship, and a Yankee crew,
Tally hi ho! you know!
Ne'er strikes to a foe, while the sky is blue,
Or a tar aloft and alow !