

# The Lightship's Straight Ahead - song lyrics

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The Lightship's Straight Ahead.  
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Far out at sea the lightship rocks the waters, day by day;  
The sailor lad, returning home, it safely guides the way.  
It cares not how the sea may rave or how the wind may blow;  
The darkest night becomes as day beneath the lamp's bright glow.  
And as he reaches port that night, from far-off distant lands,  
Cries out with joy to those below, as in the mast he stands:  
"The lightship's straight ahead! the lightship's straight ahead!  
The lightship! the lightship! the lightship's straight ahead."

Refrain.  
What joy, what bliss to see that light, to know we're home at last;  
To know that dangers that have been are memories of the past;  
To see our loved ones once again, then, standing on the quay;  
To hear the welcome: "Jack is home from far across the sea!"  
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"Take to the boats," the captain cries, "lost is our gallant bark;"  
The sea is running mountains high, and all around is dark.  
We pray to God to guide our way, we know not where we are-  
If many miles away from shore or near the harbor bar.  
Despair is marked on every face as silently we row;  
When lo! I behold! there in the North, we see a lamp's bright glow-  
The lightship's straight ahead! the lightship's straight ahead!  
The lightship! the lightship! the lightship's straight ahead.-Refrain.