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The Ballad of Grace Darling

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(Cal Bagby)

'Twas on the long stone lighthouse
There dwelt an English maid
Pure as the air around her
Of danger ne'er afraid
One morning just at daybreak
A storm tossed wreck she spied
And up spake brave Grace Darling
I'll save the crew she cried

cho: So she pulled away on the rolling sea
Over the waters blue "help, help" she could hear the cry
Of the shipwrecked crew
But Grace had an English heart and the raging storm she braved
She pulled away o'er the rolling sea
And the crew she saved

They to the rock were clinging
a crew of nine all told.
Between them and the lighthouse
the seas like mountains rose.
Said Grace "Come help me father,
We'll launch the boat," said she.
Her father cried "'Tis madness,
To face that raging sea"
Chorus But she.....

One murmured prayer 'heaven guard us'
And then they were afloat
Between them and destruction
The planks of that frail boat.
Then spoke the maiden's father
"Return or doomed are we"
But up spoke brave Grace Darling
"Alone I'll brave the sea"
Chorus So she.....

They bravely rode the billows
And reached the rock at length
They saved the storm tossed sailors
In heaven alone their strength
Oh tell the wide world over

What English pluck can do
And sing of brave Grace Darling
Who nobly saved the crew
Chorus When she.....

VERSE

G D
'Twas on the long stone lighthouse
 G
There dwelt an English maid
 D
Pure as the air around her of danger ne'er afraid
 C G
One morning just at daybreak
 C
A storm tossed wreck she spied
 G
And up spake brave Grace Darling
 A D
I'll save the crew she cried

CHORUS

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So she pulled away on the rolling sea
 D
Over the waters blue "help, help" she could hear the cry

Of the shipwrecked crew
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But Grace had an English heart and the raging storm she braved
 C G
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D G
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(Recorded by The Limelickers on "Through Children's Eyes")