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Day of the Clipper

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(Steve Romanoff)

You can see the squares of canvas dancing over the horizon
you can hear the shanty wailing to the heaving of the men
Feel the seas up to your knees and you know the sea is rising
And you know the clipper's day has come again

To the men on high the bosn's cry commands a killing strain
'Til every mothers son begins to break
With a harty shout she comes about and heads into the rain
And the ship has never seen a better day.

CHO: Sailing ships and sailing men will sail the open waters
Where the only thing that matters is the wind inside the main
So, all you loving mothers keep your eye upon your daughters
For the sails will mend their tatters and the masts will rise again

Human dreams and wooden beams are all that makes her go
And the magic of the wind upon her sails
We'd rather fight the weather than the fishes down below
God help us if the rigging ever fails,
As the timber creaks the Captain speaks above the vessels groans
'Til every soul on board can hear the call
It's nothing but the singing of the ship inside her bones
And this is when she likes it best of all

Sailing ships and sailing men will sail the open waters,
where the only thing that matters is the wind inside the main
So all you loving mothers keep your eye upon your daughters

Where the current goes the clipper's nose
Is plowing fields of green where fortune takes the crews we wish them well
Where men can be either lost at sea or somewhere in between
The regions of a heaven and a hell
They sail from eastern harbors to the California shore
If you set your mind to see them, then, you can
As you count eash mast go sailing past
You're prouder than before
And you know the clipper's day has come again.

repeat refrain

This was written by my good friend Steve Romanoff of the trio SCHOONER FARE.
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