

# Jim And His Partner Joe - song lyrics

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JIM AND HIS PARTNER JOE.

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I am a fisherman and I have got a dear chum Jim;  
A noble hearted fellow he, all speak in praise of him.  
Together we as children played, and now to manhood grown,  
Together we as partners work-as partners we are known.  
Jim has a pretty sweetheart, and they're shortly to be wed.  
And oft when putting out to sea his lass to me has said:  
"Joe, take care of dear Jim for me, 'twould break my heart," she'd sigh,  
"If any harm befell my love" -I'd laughingly reply:

Chorus.

I love Jim and Jim loves me; like brothers are we two;  
Always together you'll find us, faithful, staunch and true;  
We promised we'd stick to each other, when youngsters years ago,  
Through sunshine and rain, true friends still remain Jim And his partner Joe.

We both were out at sea one day, when angry grew the sky.  
The lightning flashed, the thunder pealed, the waves ran mountains high;  
Then suddenly our boat capsized, in deadly peril we,  
Far, far from any hope of aid were struggling in the sea.  
But now my strength exhausted grew, Jim clutched me by the arm,  
" Cheer up, old chum," said he to me. "we'll weather this alarm;  
I am a sturdy swimmer, And, with God's help, you I'll save;  
'Twould break your poor old mother's heart to lose her laddie brave." - Cho.

On, on swam Jim courageously, till by my weight pulled down;  
" Oh! save yourself, Jim; let me sink, or both of us will drown;  
You have a sweetheart, and with grief your loss would drive her mad."  
" I have a sweetheart, true," said Jim, "but you've a mother, lad."  
Again he battles with the waves-thank God we're saved, hurrah  
The life-boat has put out to sea, And soon on board we are;  
We reach the shore in safety, and a cheer goes up for Jim;  
And my old mother's grateful tears full as she kisses him.-Chorus.