

# Good-bye, Old Kearsarge - song lyrics

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GOOD-BYE, OLD KEARSARGE.

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Proud vessel, we hail thee; greatest of all, Kearsarge, our tribute we pay  
To thy true worth, to thy grand might-who could compare in the fray?  
Proud Briton's boast as queen of the sea, wrested from her by thy might;  
Thousands of creatures by thy great work brought into freedom's light.

Chorus.

Good-bye, old Kearsarge: well done thy work: long to thy mem'ry we'll sing;  
Though far from the land of thy glory, still will thy brave name ring.

Mann'd by a crew with hearts stout as oak, commanded with nerve and with brain,  
Severe were the lessons it taught to its foes, as proudly it swept o'er the main.  
Ne'er was its pennant dipped in defeat, enemy ne'er saw it flee,  
Guarded by men 'neath the old starry flag, emblem of liberty.- Chorus.

No more gallant name will e'er landed be, no braver ship leave the quay;  
The gallant old bark has ended its work, gone to its rest 'neath the sea.  
Proud were its days beneath our old flag, great were the victories it won;  
Cheerfully award it its laurels, now that its brave course is run.- Chorus.