Henry Martin



There were three brothers in merry Scotland In Scotland there lived brothers three And they did cast lots which of them should go, should go, should go For to turn robber all on the salt sea

The lot it fell first upon Henry Martin The youngest of all the three That he should turn robber all on the salt sea For to maintain his two brothers and he

He had not been sailing but a long winter's night And part of a short winter's day When he espied a rich lofty ship Come a bibing down him straight away

Hello, hello, cried Henry Martin What makes you sail so high I'm a rich merchant ship bound for fair London town Won't you please for to let me pass by

O no, o no, cried henry martin That thing it never can be For I have turned robber all on the salt sea For to maintain my two brothers and me

So lower your topsail and bail up your mizzen Bring yourself under my lee Or I shall give you a fast flowing ball And your dear bodies drown in the salt sea

Then broadside and broadside and at it they went For fully two hours or three Til Henry Martin gave to her the death shot Heavily listing to starboard went she

The rich merchant vessel was wounded full sore Straight to the bottom went she And Henry Martin sailed away . .. on the salt sea

Sad news, sad news to old England came Sad news to fair London town There was a rich vessel and she's cast away And all of her merry men drowned