Home Boys Home

Who wouldn't be a sailor lad, a sailin' on the Main To gain the good will of his Captain's good name He came ashore, one evening from the sea And that was the beginning of me own true love and me

Chorus:

And it's home boys, home. Home I'd like to be, home for awhile In me own country, where the oak and the ash and the Bonny rowan tree Are all a growin' greener, in me own Country

He asked me for a candle for to light his way to bed Likewise a handkerchief to tie around his head I tended to his needs, like a young maid ought to do Then he says to me, why don't you jump in with me too

Chorus

I jump into bed and makin' no alarm, Thinking a young sailor lad could do to me no harm He hugged me; He kissed me, the whole night long Till I wished the short night had been seven years long

Chorus

Early next morning the sailor lad arose And into my apron threw a handful of gold Sayin' "Take this, my dear for the damage that I've Done, For tonight I fear I've left you with a daughter or a Son."

Chorus

And if it be a girl child, send her out to nurse With gold in her pocket and silver in her purse And if it be a boy child, he'll wear the jacket blue And go climbing up the riggin', like his daddy used to do

Chorus

So come all you fair maidens, a warning take from me Never let a sailor lad an inch above your knee I trusted one and he beguiled me. He left me with a pair of twins to dandle on me knee.

Chorus