

The Sailboat Malarkey

Please tell me, what is this sailboat's name?

It's the sailboat Malarkey

Tell me now, what is this good boat's name?

It's the sailboat Malarkey

Who is the man then who built this fine boat?

Richardson, Richardson built this fine boat

Well now, me boys, we are bound out to sea

Windward Caroline come down to me

She's lovely aloft and she's lovely below

But she's best on her back as you very well know

The blackbirds sang and the crow did caw

For to set this sail be half past four

Away, away in St George's town

The rats come batting the houses down

I'd give the world, boys, and all that I know

To turn and roll with me Lucy-oh

You pick her up, boys, and lay her down

And hang on tight as she bounces around

Oh. Tell me, what is that sailboat's name?

Please tell me, tell me, what is her name?

The tune and most of the words come from the Bahamas, from the singer Frederick McQueen. In the Bahamas it's mostly used for boat-launching, but it serves equally well for capstan work. "Malarkey" here is a mispronunciation of "Malachi".