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THE LIFE BOAT.

MAN the life-boat ! man the life-boat,
Help or yon ship is lost ;
Man the life-boat, man the life-boat,
See how she's tempest-toss'd.
No human power, in such an hour
The gallant bark can save ;
Her mainmast's gone—and hurrying on,
She seeks her watery grave.

Man the life-boat, man the life-boat,
See, the dread signal flies ;
Ha, she has struck, and from the rock,
Despairing shouts arise.
And one their stands, and wrings his hands
Amid the tempest wild ;
For on the beach he cannot reach,
He sees his wife and child.

Man the life-boat, man the life-boat,
Now ply the oars amain ;
Your pull be strong, your strokes be long,
Or all will be in vain.
Life-saving ark, yon doomed bark,
Immortal souls doth bear,
Not gem, nor gold, nor wealth untold,
But men—brave men—are there.

Speed the life-boat, speed the life-boat,
O God ! their efforts crown ;
She dashes on—the ship is gone
Full fifty fathoms down.
Ah ! see, the crew are struggling now
Amid the billows' roar.
They're in the boat, they're all afloat,
Hurrah, they've gained the shore.

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MY LOVELY NANCY.

Adieu, my lovely Nancy,
Ten thousand times adieu ;
I'm going across the ocean,
To seek for something new.
Come change your ring with me, my dear,
Come change your ring with me—
As that will be a token
When I am on the sea.

When I am on the sea, my love,
You know not where I am ;
But letters I will write to you
From every foreign land—
With the secrets of my mind, my dear,
And best of my good will ;
And let my body be where it will,
My heart is with you still.

See how the storm is rising,
See how it's coming on ;
While we poor jolly Jack Tars
Are fighting for the crown.
Our captain he commands us,
And him we must obey—
Expecting every moment
For to be cast away

You gentlemen and strangers
That lie snoring fast asleep,
While we poor jolly sailors
Are ploughing on the deep.
Our officers command us,
And them we must obey—
Expecting every moment
For to be cast away.

Now that the storm is over,
And we are safe on shore ;
We'll drink to our wives and sweethearts,
And the girls whom we adore.
We'll call for liquors merrily,
And spend our money free ;
And when our money is all gone,
We'll boldly go to sea.