Ghosts of Cape Horn

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All around old Cape Horn Ships of the line, ships of the morn Some who wish they'd never been born They are the ghosts of Cape Horn

Fal deral dal riddle de rum With a rim dim diddy And a rum dum dum Sailing away at the break of dawn They are the ghosts of Cape Horn

See them all in sad repair Demons dance everywhere Southern gales, tattered sails And none to tell the tales

Come all of you rustic old sea dogs Who follow the bright Southern Cross You were rounding the Horn In the eye of a storm When you lost her one day And you read all your letters From oceans away Then you took them to the bottom of the sea

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Come all you old sea dogs from Devon Southampton, Penzance, and Kinsale You were caught by the chance Of a sailor's last dance It was not meant to be And you read all your letters Cried anchors aweigh Then you took them to the bottom of the sea

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