When I was a young man, just barely 14 Craving adventure and lore I boarded a clipper me dad was a skipper and sailed it along the French shore ya, we sailed all along the French shore

What beautiful vessels were sailing back then Ah, bound for the north Labrador It's over that reason they came here that season To sail all along the French shore ya To sail all along the French shore

On each ship a maiden was hired to cook
A beautiful girl to adore so young and cavorting
All ready for courting while sailing along the French shore ya,
While sailing along the French shore

Being too young for courting I soon did decide
To spy on the lovers on shore I spied on a couple
So loving and supple, while sailing along the French shore ya,
While sailing along the French shore

Their actions peculiar appeared to me then but now their not funny no more they were huggin and kissin' oh what ive been missin, while sailing along the French shore ya, while sailing along, sailing along, while sailing along the French shore

That couple has children now married I know You see they're not young anymore
Yet still they don't know how I witnessed the show
That they played all along the French shore ya,
That they played all along the French shore

And that ends the story of my bonnie days
Oh, that I could live them once more
and this much I know I'd produce my own show,
and I'd stage it along the French shore ya,
While sailin along, sailin along,
While sailin along the French shore