

The Tempest

The Real McKenzies

We are all born free but forever live in chains
And we battle to exist and soldier on
We'll take whatever comes to be while keeping hopeful
melody
And we'll cruise through the darkness until the warmth
of dawn
So row row you bastards you never can tell
Through water like glass above a briney hell
So row and a-hollar come give her all you can
Or the sea she will best us, we'll never see the land
We carry on the burden and we hide our grimace well
For the day will come for us to mutiny
But as long as we survive our hope and pride they cant
deprive
And we'll carry on our melody to sing in harmony
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Over water like glass above a briney hell
So row and a-hollar come give her all you can
Or the sea she will best us, we'll never see the land
So row row ye bastards you never can tell
The ocean a tempest or the land a stormy hell
So row and a-hollar till bloody oar in hand
Or the sea she will best us, we'll never see the land
We are wracked from the hardships
Exhausted by the years we can still escape this barren
misery
But even with our shackled wrists we can fight our way
through this
And we'll power all aboard the ship to total liberty
So row row ye bastards you never can tell
The ocean a tempest or the land a stormy hell
So row a little harder till bloody oar in hand
Or the sea she will best us, we'll never see the land