

The Royal Oak

As we were sailing all on the seas
We hadn't sailed months but two or three
Before we spied ten sail of Turks
All men of war and as big as we

"Pull down your colors, you English dogs!
Pull down your colors and do not refuse
Pull down your colors, you English dogs
Or else your precious lives you'll lose!"

Our captain being a most valiant man
And a well-bespoken man was he
„It never will be said, that we died like dogs
We fight this battle most manfully!"

"Go up, you lofty cabin boys,
And mount to the mainmast topsail high,
For to spread abroad to King George's fleet
That we'll run the risk or else we'll die!"

Well the fight began about six in the morn'
And on to the setting of the sun.
And at the rise of the next morn'
Where we saw ten ships, we couldn't see but one

For three we sank and three we burned,
And three we caused to run away,
But one we told back to Portsmouth harbour,
For to let them know we'd won the day.

If anyone there should enquire
As to our gallant captain's name
Well Captain Wellfounder was our commander
And the Royal Oak was our ship of name