

Ten thousand miles away

1.) Sing ho! for a brave an' a gal-lant ship, an' a fast an' a fav'-rin' breeze, wi' a bul-ly crew an' a cap-tain to to car-ry us o-ver the seas. To car-ry us o-ver the seas, me boys, to me true love far a way, I' m tak-ing a trip on a Gov-ern-ment ship ten thou-sand miles a-way. Refrain Then blow, ye wind i-oh! An' a ro-vin' we will go. I'll stay no more on Eng-lands shore to hear the mu-sic play I'm off for the morn-ing trail, to cross the ra-ging bay I'm tak-in' a trip on a Go-vern-ment ship, ten thou-sand miles a-way.

2. Me true love wuz beautiful, an' me true love wuz gay,
 But she's taken a trip on a Government ship bound out to Botany Bay,
 Bound out to Botany Bay, me boys, an' though she's far away,
 I'll never forget me own true love, ten thousand miles away!

3. Oh, it wuz a summer's mornin', when last I saw me Meg
 She'd a Government band around each hand an' another round her leg
 Oh, another round her leg, me boys as the big ship left the bay,
 "Adieu," she sez, "remember me, ten thousand miles away!"

4. I whis I wuz a bosun bold or a sailor without fear
 I do man a boat and away I do float an straight for me true love steer;
 An' straight for me true love steer, me boys, where the whales an' dolphins play,
 Where the whales an' sharks are havin' their larks, ten thousand miles away.

5. Oh, the sun may shine through the London fog or the river run quite clear,
 Or the ocean brine turn into wine or I forget me beer
 Or I forget me beer, me boys or the landlord's quater-pay
 Bur I'll never forget me own true love, ten thousand miles away.