

RVW2/1/236 Liverpool Play

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1. It was the fourth of November, boys
In Liverpool straits we lay
Awaiting for fresh orders,
Our anchors for to weigh.
Bound down to the coast of Africa,
Our orders they did run so
We are bound to sink and destroy, my boys,
Wherever we may go.

2. We had not been sailing
Scarce sixty leagues or more
Before we spied a large French ship,
And down on us she bore.
She hailed us in French colours
To ask us from where and whence we came.
"We have just come down from Liverpool town
"And the 'Dolphin' is our name."

3. "Are you a Man of War, sir?
"Pray tell me what you be."
"I am no Man of War, sir,
"But a pirate you do see,
"So heave up your fore and main yards
"And let your ship come to.
"For our taygels (tackles?) are hauled
"And our boats all lowered
"Or else we will sink you."

4. Now our captain being an eldish (sic) man
On the quarterdeck did say:
"Let every man stand true to his gun
"And we will show them Liverpool play.
"If it had not been for my own brother
"This battle would never have been tried.
"Let every man stand true to his gun
"And we will give it to them a broadside."

5. To broadside, to broadside,
Which caused all hands to wonder
To see her French and lofty spars
Come rattling down asunder*
We shot them from our quarterdeck
Till they could no longer stay.
Our guns being smart we played a good part
And we showed them Liverpool play.

6. Now this large French ship was taken
To Liverpool docks and moored.
We fired shots at our sweethearts
Like fancy girls ashore.
We lowered down the French colours
And let fly the red, white and blue.
We drank success to the 'Dolphin'
And all her gallant crew.

* RVW note: Locke sang "like thunder"