



# **The Merry Sailor Lad**

**Lyman S. Leason**  
**(1845-?)**

# The Merry Sailor Lad

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Vivace

S Oh! — I am a mer - ry sail - or lad, With heart both light and free; I

A Oh! I am a mer - ry sail - or lad, With heart both light and free; I

T Oh! I am a mer - ry sail - or lad, With heart both light and free; I

B Oh! I am a mer - ry sail - or lad, With heart both light and free; I

S high - ly prize my gal - lant ship, I love the dark blue sea.

A high - ly prize my gal - lant ship, I love the dark blue sea.

T high - ly prize my gal - lant ship, I love the dark blue sea.

B high - ly prize my gal - lant ship, I love the dark blue sea.

S Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

A Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

T Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

B Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

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S love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I

A love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I

T love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I

B love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I

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S love the dark blue sea. *rit.* Where *a tempo* bound - ing bil - lows rears its head To

A love the dark blue sea. *rit.* Where *a tempo* bound - ing bil - lows rears its head To

T love the dark blue sea. *rit.* Where *a tempo* bound - ing bil - lows rears its head To

B love the dark blue sea. *rit.* Where *a tempo* bound - ing bil - lows rears its head To

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S play with tem - pest cloud; Where storm's deep voice comes o'er the main, In

A play with tem - pest cloud; Where storm's deep voice comes o'er the main, In

T play with tem - pest cloud; Where storm's deep voice comes o'er the main, In

B play with tem - pest cloud; Where storm's deep voice comes o'er the main, In

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S  
mur - murs hoarse and loud. Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur -

A  
mur - murs hoarse and loud. Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur -

T  
mur - murs hoarse and loud. Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur -

B  
mur - murs hoarse and loud. Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur -

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S  
rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea; I

A  
rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea;

T  
rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea;

B  
rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea;

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S  
love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

A  
I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

T  
I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

B  
I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

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S I love to tread the ves - sel's deck, A - mid the howl - ing gale, And

A I love to tread the ves - sel's deck, A - mid the howl - ing gale, And

T I love to tread the ves - sel's deck, A - mid the howl - ing gale, And

B I love to tread the ves - sel's deck, A - mid the howl - ing gale, And

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S lis - ten to the sea - gull's scream, And to the thun - der's wail.

A lis - ten to the sea - gull's scream, And to the thun - der's wail.

T lis - ten to the sea - gull's scream, And to the thun - der's wail.

B lis - ten to the sea - gull's scream, And to the thun - der's wail.

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S Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

A Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

T Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

B Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I

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S love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

A love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

T love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

B love the dark blue sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

62 *a tempo*

S O, see the viv - id light - ning flash A - round me bold and free; Yet *a tempo*

A O, see the viv - id light - ning flash A - round me bold and free; Yet *a tempo*

T O, see the viv - id light - ning flash A - round me bold and free; Yet *a tempo*

B O, see the viv - id light - ning flash A - round me bold and free; Yet

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S some will love the dull, tame shore, But an o - cean life for me.

A some will love the dull, tame shore, But an o - cean life for me.

T some will love the dull, tame shore, But an o - cean life for me.

B some will love the dull, tame shore, But an o - cean life for me.

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S Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue

A Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue

T Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue

B Hur - rah! hur - rah! hur - rah! I love, I love, I love the dark blue

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S sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

A sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

T sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

B sea; I love, I love, I love the dark blue sea. *rit.*

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Oh! I am a merry sailor lad,  
With heart both light and free;  
I highly prize my gallant ship,  
I love the dark blue sea.

*Hurrah! hurrah!*  
*I love the dark blue sea.*

Where bounding billows rears its head  
To play with tempest cloud;  
Where storm's deep voice comes o'er the main,  
In murmurs hoarse and loud.

I love to tread the vessel's deck,  
Amid the howling gale,  
And listen to the seagull's scream,  
And to the thunder's wail.

O, see the vivid lightning flash  
Around me bold and free;  
Yet some will love the dull, tame shore,  
But an ocean life for me.

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