

The Roseabella

Ann Street ran parallel with Bethnal Green Road, London in 1792

One early morning in the month of May
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I thought I heard our captain say
"The Roseabella will sail today"

Chorus

O, we're going on board the Roseabella
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We're going on board, right down to the board
The saucy Roseabella

[Farewell ye ladies of London town]
We hate to leave but we're going on down
Aboard the Roseabella

[Pretty Nancy she is my love true]
She could handle this bully crew
Aboard the Roseabella

[Nancy brought whisky for all the crew]
She wanted to see which man would do
Aboard the Roseabella

[Them Ann Street girls do make me grieve]
They spent me money and made me leave
Aboard the Roseabella

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[Oh, Big Maria's no good for me]
She took me money, sent me to sea
Aboard the Roseabella

[She's a deep-water ship with a deep-water crew]
You can hug the coast, but we're but damned if we do
Aboard the Roseabella

[To round Cape Horn takes many a day]
Around Cape Horn is a mighty long way
Aboard the Roseabella