

## Ellan Vannin

Although this song is believed by many to be a traditional song from the Isle of Man, it was in fact composed by Hughie Jones of Liverpool in the 1960s, and first performed by his group "The Spinners".

Snaefell, Tynwald, Ben My Chree  
Fourteen ships have sailed the sea  
Proudly bearing a Manx name,  
But there's one will never again

*Oh Ellan Vannin, Of the Isle of Man Company*  
*Oh Ellan Vannin, Lost in the Irish Sea*

At one a.m. in Ramsey Bay  
Captain Teare was heard to say  
“The contract said deliver the mail,  
In this rough weather we must not fail”

Ocean liners sheltered from the storm  
Ellan Vannin on the waves was borne  
Farewell to Manx' Isle, farewell  
This little ship was bound for Hell

With a crew of twenty-one Manxmen  
The passengers Liverpool businessmen  
The hold it was full and battened down  
As they sailed towards far Liverpool town

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Less than a mile from Bar Lightship  
By a mighty wave Ellan Vannin was hit  
She sank in the waters of Liverpool Bay  
And there she lies unto this day

For Manxmen do now remember  
The first day of the month December  
The terrible storm of ninety-nine  
Ellan Vannin sailed for the very last time.