

## The Good Ship Bess

Words and tune by The Salts (<https://www.thesalts.co.uk>) performed on album 'She Rises'

Oh the good ship Bess she's built for to last  
With plenty of ballast both forward and aft  
And many a man was stripped to her mast  
All aboard the good ship Bess

*Oh oh what shall we do,  
The Spanish are coming so look alive crew  
Polish the cannon the next one's for you  
All aboard the good ship Bess*

She stands twenty fathoms with rigging so fine  
She's got a good hold for whiskey and wine  
And if you fall in they'll throw you a line  
All aboard the good ship Bess

Oh the good ship Bess she'll make you stand pale  
When you see her come alongside in full sail  
When she takes you in hand may your hearts never fail  
All aboard the good ship Bess

Oh she lists to one side and she comes around slow  
And her quarters are wet when you go down below  
Oh she rides on top of the swell as it grows  
All aboard the good ship Bess

And when we're ashore we all get along  
Spend all our time on wine, women and song  
But enjoy it now lads cos it won't be for long  
All aboard the good ship Bess

Chorus x 2