

A Drop of Nelson's Blood

After Admiral Lord Nelson fell at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 his body was sealed in a cask of brandy to preserve it on the long homeward journey, so giving rise to the nautical slang for spirits. The brandy was mixed with camphor to make it more effective as a preservative - so the story about sailors tapping the admiral's cask for a drink is probably more legend than truth. The golden chariot in the chorus is Nelson's funeral 'car'. Roud 3632.

For a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm
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And we'll all hang on behind

Chorus:

We'll roll the old chariot along
*We'll roll the **golden** chariot along*
We'll roll the old chariot along
And we'll all hang on behind

For a spell up in the crow's nest wouldn't do us any harm

And a nice watch below wouldn't do us any harm

And a plate of Irish stew wouldn't do us any harm

And a nice fat cook wouldn't do us any harm

For a King's Pond Shanty wouldn't do us any harm

For a drop of Nelson's blood wouldn't do us any harm

Optional Crudities

{Well a night upon the shore
A fresh sea pie
A glass of whisky hot
Oh a roll in the clover
Yes a night upon a whore}