

Hoist The Colours

Composed for the film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End released in 2007. Lyrics by Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio, tune by Hans Zimmer and Gore Verbinski.

Tells the tale of the binding of Calypso by the Pirate King and the First Brethren Court. It was also used as the method of summoning the Court to stand together in the pirates' most dire need. It was sent forth by Hector Barbossa, who intended to unite the Pirate Lords and release Calypso from her form of flesh.

The King and his men stole the queen from her bed
and bound her in her bones
The seas be ours and by the powers
Where we will...we'll roam

*Yo ho all hands, hoist the colours high
Heave ho, thieves and beggars, never shall we die*

Now some have died and some are alive and others sail on the sea
With the keys to the cage and the devil to pay
We lay to Fiddler's Green!

Chorus 1 <quiet, subtle harmony>
*Yo Ho all hands, hoist the colours high
Heave ho, thieves and beggars, never shall we die*

Chorus 2 <louder, more harmony>
*Yo ho all together, hoist the colours high
Heave ho, thieves and beggars, never shall we die*

The bell has been raised from its watery grave
Do you hear its sepulchral tone?
A Call to all pay heed the squall
And turn your sail towards home!

Chorus 1 <quiet, unison>
Chorus 2 <loud, full harmony, rising harmony on 'shall' then stop>
We die!