

## Home from the Sea

*Official anthem of the RNLI. By Phil Coulter (1989) - who lost his brother at sea.*

On a cold winter's night with a storm at its height  
The lifeboat answered the call  
They pitched and they tossed 'til we thought they were lost  
As we watched from the harbour wall  
Though the night was pitch black, there was no turning back  
For someone was waiting out there  
But each volunteer had to live with their fear  
As they joined in a silent prayer

### Chorus

*And carry us home; home, home from the sea  
Angels of mercy, answer our plea  
And carry us home; home, home from the sea  
Carry us safely home from the sea*

As they battled their way past the mouth of the bay  
It was blowing like never before  
As they gallantly fought every one of them thought  
Of loved ones back on the shore  
Then a flicker of light and they knew they were right  
There she was on the crest of a wave  
She's an old fishing boat and she's barely afloat  
Please God, there are souls we can save

Chorus

And back in the town in a street that runs down  
To the sea and the harbour wall  
They'd gathered in pairs at the foot of the stairs  
To await the radio call  
Then just before dawn when all hope was gone  
Came a hush and a faraway sound  
'Twas the coxswain he roared "All survivors on board"  
Thank God we are homeward bound

Chorus X2