

# The Bay of Biscay, Oh



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1. Ye gentlemen of England who live home at your ease,  
It's little do you think of the dangers of the seas;  
When we receive our orders we are obliged to go  
On the main to proud Spain where the stormy winds do blow.
2. Was on the fourth of August from Spithead we set sail  
With Ramely and Company blest with a pleasant gale;  
We sailed along together in the Bay of Biscay, Oh,  
Where a dreadful storm it did arise and the stormy wind did blow.
3. The Ramely she left us, she could no longer stay  
And by distress of weather from us she bore away;  
When she arrived at Gibraltar they told the people so  
How they thought we were all lost at the Bay of Biscay, Oh.
4. Kind heaven did protect her, it was not quite so bad,  
First we lost our foremast, and then we lost our flag.  
And then we lost our mainmast, one of our guns also  
And the men, we lost ten on the Bay of Biscay, Oh.
5. When the mainmast started, it gave a dreadful stroke,  
In our starboard quarter, a large hole did it broke.  
Then the seas came battering in, our guns soon overflow  
So boldly she plowed it on the Bay of Biscay Oh.
6. The night being dark and dreary, at twelve o'clock that night  
Our captain in the forecandle he was killed then outright.  
The ring upon his finger in pieces burst in two  
There he laid until next day when we overboard him threw.
7. The storm it being abated, we rigged up jury mast  
And steered it for Gibraltar, where we arrived at last  
They said it was a dismal sight as ever they did know  
We forced to drink wine and drowned all our woe.