

# "Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum"

Robert Lewis Stevenson 1881 - Young Ewing Allison 1891

Em

Fifteen men on a dead man's chest Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

Am

Drink and the devil had done for the rest, yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

Em

The mate was fixed with the bos'n's spike

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Am

Em

The bos'n brained with a marlin spike and cookie's throat was marked belike

Em F+ Dm F+ Dm F+ Am Em

Had been gripped by fingers ten and there they lay all good dead men like

Em

Break of day in a boozing ken Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

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Em

Fifteen men of a whole ship's list Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

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Dead and be damned and the rest gone whist Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

Em

The skipper lay with his nob in gore where scullion's axe his cheek had shore

Em

Am

Em

Em

F+

Dm

F+

And the scullion he was stabbed times four and there he lay and the soggy skies

Dm F+ Am Em

Dripped all day in up-staring eyes at

Em

Murk sunset and at foul surprise Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

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Fifteen men of 'em stiff and stark Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

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Ten of the crew had the murder mark yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

Em

T'was cutlass swipe or an ounce of lead or a yawning hole in a battered head

Em

Am

Em

Em

F+

Dm

F+

And the scuppers glut with a yawning red and there they lay aye damn my eyes

Dm F+ Am Em  
All lookouts clapped on pa-ra-dise  
Em  
Souls bound just con-tra-ri-wise Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

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Em  
Fifteen men of 'em good and true Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum  
Am  
Every man Jack could ha' sailed with old Pew yo ho ho and a bottle of rum  
Em  
There was chest on chest of Spanish gold with a ton of plate in the middle hold  
Em Am Em Em F+ Dm F+  
And the cabins riot with stuff un-told As they lay there that had took the plum  
Dm F+ Am Em  
With a sightless glare and their lips struck dumb  
Em  
While we shared all by the rule of thumb Yo ho h o and a bottle of rum

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Am  
Drink and the devil had done for the rest Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum  
Em  
We wrapped 'em all in a mains'l tight with twice ten turns of a hawsers bight  
Em Am Em Em F+ Dm F+  
And we heaved 'em over and out of sight with a yo heave ho and a fare you well  
Dm F+ Am F+  
And a sullen plunge in a sullen swell  
Em  
Ten fathoms deep on the road to hell Yo ho ho and a bottle of Rum

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