

In Safe Harbour (Sue Rule)

As I was a-walkin' down by the dock side,
In safe harbour tonight,
I met an old shipmate blown in on the tide,
In safe harbour tonight,

As we fell in together me boys,
Talkin' of this and of that,
Well, we fell into a pub-er-lic house,
For to continue our chat!

*I'll drink to you, if you'll drink to me,
We'll set the world to rights!
Aye, an' we'll have a fine merry time,
In safe harbour tonight.*

We drank to our families and the girls we adore,
Drank one for each friend, and then drank one more.
Well he came from a west-side town,
I come from the east coast,
An' each of us knew many fine, worthy men,
Whose health we now had to toast!

Now as I was enjoying his good company,
A pretty young doxie come an' sat next t' me,
She said, "My Jack Tar won't yer buy me a drink,
For I've taken a likin' to you,
An' I've taken a likin' to yer shipmate as well,
So he can buy me one too!"

So I spun her a yarn, he told her a lie!
Then I punched his nose, but he blackened me eye.
Our lady friend laughed and she stepped in between,
She said, "There's no cause to raise Hell,
'Cos I have a friend and she lives just nearby,
And she likes sailors as well!"

So here's a good health to you sailor men all,
And to two bonny lasses who gave us their all!
One spent all his money, the other spent mine,
With not a penny to share!
So we've signed on a trader bound out with the tide,
We'll be back when we've credit to spare.