

The Good Ship Bess

Words and tune by The Salts (<https://www.thesalts.co.uk>) performed on album 'She Rises'

Oh the good ship Bess she's built for to last
With plenty of ballast both forward and aft
And many a man was stripped to her mast
All aboard the good ship Bess

Chorus

*Oh oh what shall we do,
The Spanish are coming so look alive crew
Polish the cannon the next one's for you
All aboard the good ship Bess*

She stands twenty fathoms with rigging so fine
She's got a good hold for whiskey and wine
And if you fall in they'll throw you a line
All aboard the good ship Bess

Oh the good ship Bess she'll make you stand pale
When you see her come alongside in full sail
When she takes you in hand may your hearts never fail
All aboard the good ship Bess

Oh she lists to one side and comes around slow
Her quarters are wet when you go down below
But she rides on top of the swell as it grows
All aboard the good ship Bess

And when we're ashore we all get along
Spend all our time on wine, women and song
But enjoy it now lads 'cos it won't be for long
All aboard the good ship Bess

Chorus x 2