

Black Flag Flying
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Come all you sailors near and far

You honest men know who you are

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All of you who d dare be free

Am

Combine with us upon the sea

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Together we will drink a toast

C

Ride the wind on down the coast

G

See the merchant ship to board

F

Raise a jar and swing a sword

Em

Watch to see the merchant captain crying

F G Am

When they see the black flag flying

The war with Spain is over now

No more Jack over the bow

We fight for no one but our class

We re gonna kick some captain s ass

All you who d live before you die

Come give an honest life a try

Sail beneath the skull and bones

Pay no heed to crowns and thrones

No more greedy princes lying

When you sail with the black flag flying

No more whips and no more chains

To live free or die is what remains

If life is too short either way

You might as well live free today

All for one and one for all

We ll board the ship and make the call

Join us, all you good men

And have your liberty again

Watch the crew now leave their captain frying

As they come sail with the black flag flying

Here s to Fly and Roberts, brave and true

And Mary Kelly s gallant crew
It seems to me the world is ours
Watch as the mighty Navy cowers
We have no nation but the sea
No creed but that we will live free
We ll loot and burn all that we can
That s run by a dishonest man
Their end is near and there is no denying
When they see the black flag flying

If I could predict the future then I would
But all I know is this is good
1720 is the year
And there is nothing left to fear
We may live or we may die
Perhaps our destiny is nigh
I don t know what the future may hold
But I know these ships are filled with gold
That was stolen from the poor as we lay dying
So let us sail with the black flag flying