

Close To The Wind  
Fairport Convention

[Intro]

E C#m B C#m B E

[Verse]

N.C. E C#m B A

Fare-well to you, my faithful Nancy

C#m B E

And a thousand times, adieu

N.C. E C#m B A

For the constable comes up from Brackley Market

C#m B E

And a hundred volunteers too

[Verse]

A E

No more will we hide in the forest

F#m7 B

For fear they would run us to ground

E C#m B A

But the wild sea, we sailed upon it

C#m B E

Too close to the wind

[Instrumental]

E C#m B C#m B E

[Verse]

C#m B A

For twenty years we have roved the highways

C#m B E

Northamptonshire

C#m B A

Daventry down to the southern byways

C#m B E

Topped both the rich and the poor

[Verse]

A E

For ofttimes our families were starving

F#m7 B

And the highway it kept them alive

E C#m B A

And the wild sea, we sailed upon it

C#m B E

Too close to the wind

[Instrumental]

E C#m B C#m B E

[Verse]

C#m B A  
Tonight I lie in a darkened dungeon  
C#m B E  
Condemned on the gallows to die  
C#m B A  
While the man who gave us away is only  
C#m B E  
Bound for Australia

[Verse]

A E  
No man could be found to defend us  
F#m7 B  
And naught but abuse came our way  
E C#m B A  
But the wild sea, we sailed upon it  
C#m B E  
Too close to the wind

[Instrumental]

E C#m B C#m B E

[Verse]

C#m B A  
And the clouds they rise over Northampton market  
C#m B E  
And the crowds pour into the town  
C#m B A  
And the people will throng in these streets until sunset  
C#m B E  
When the hangman cuts us down

[Verse]

A E  
And fifty children of Culworth  
F#m7 B  
Their fathers are taken away  
E C#m B A  
And the wild sea, they sailed upon it  
C#m B E  
Too close to the wind  
E C#m B A C#m  
The wild sea, we sailed upon it  
B E  
Too close to the wind

[Outro]

E C#m B C#m B E