

**Honour And Praise**  
**Fairport Convention**

[Intro]

C Dm C F C G F C G/B

[Verse]

C F C F  
On a fine summer s morning as we lay at the quay  
C Dm F G  
The holds were filled high with the treasures of the sea  
C F C F  
So that they could be transported by men such as we  
C Dm7 G C G G/A  
To homeland and for Queen

[Verse]

G/B C F C F  
When the loading was done, we hoisted full sail  
C Dm F G G/A  
Prayed for good winds to guide us and deliverance from gales  
G/B C F C F  
And the thoughts of the crew turned to home and strong ale  
C G F  
As we cast off the ropes and set sail

[Chorus]

G C F  
Fight for honour and for praise  
G C  
Sailed the sea throughout the days  
G/B Am  
In cold ground I ll never lay  
F G Am F G Am  
I d rather die on the ocean

[Verse]

C F C F  
Thirty days out to sea and the weather was fine  
C Dm F G  
The wind that we d prayed for and making good time  
C F C F  
The honour of first home was soon to be mine  
C Dm7 G C G  
To homeland and to Queen

[Verse]

C F C F  
But the night became stormy and the wind changed our course  
C Dm F G

A gale was a-blowing and the wind gathered force

C F C F

And I wondered if ever we d reach our home port

C G/B F

Or if we d all be lost in the storm

[Chorus]

G C F

Fight for honour and for praise

G C

Sailed the sea throughout the days

G/B Am

In cold ground I ll never lay

F G Am F G Am

I d rather die on the ocean

[Verse]

C F C F

Well, the waves washed the deck, in the wind we were locked

C Dm F G

I fought with the wheel to stay clear of the rocks

C F C F

But the fighting is in vain, in the storm we were lost

C Dm7 G C G

And our prayers blew away on the wind

[Verse]

C F C F

Well, I coughed and I choked and I tasted the sea

C Dm F G

I looked over the sands, there was no one but me

C F C F

And I knew that the might of the sea had finished me

C G/B F

And I wished that I d drowned in the storm

[Chorus]

G C F

Fight for honour and for praise

G C

Sailed the sea throughout the days

G/B Am

In cold ground I ll never lay

F G Am

I d rather die on the ocean

[Verse]

C F C F

And I ve lived with the thought for the rest of m days

C Dm F G

That I d given the lives of the crew just to pay

C F C F

In search of the garlands of honour and praise

