

**Sailors Alphabet
Fairport Convention**

[Intro]

D A D

[Verse]

A s for the anchor that lies at our bow
A G D
B s for the bowsprit and the jibs all lie low
A G D
C s for the capstan we all run around
A D
D s for the davits to lower the boat down

[Chorus]

Merrily, merrily, so merry sail we
A G D
No mortal on earth like a sailor at sea
A G D
Heave away, haul away, the ship rolls along
A D A D
Give a sailor his grog and there s nothing goes wrong

[Verse]

E s for the ensign that at our mast flew
A G D
F s for the forecastle, where lives our crew
A G D
G s for the galley where the salt junk smells strong
A D
And H is the halyards, we hoist with a song

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[Verse]

I s for the eyebolts, good for the feet
A G D
A D

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A D A D

[Verse]

U s for the uniform, mostly worn aft
G D
A D
V s for the vang's running from the main gap
A G D
W s for water, we re on a pint and a pound
A D
And X marks the spot where old Stormy was drowned

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[Verse]

Y s for yardarm, needs a good sailor man
G D
A D
Z is for ZoÃ«, I m her fancy man
A G D
Z s also for zero in the cold winter time
A D
And now we have brought all the letters in rhyme

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