

# STRIKE THE BELL

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couplet 1: **DOWN** ON THE QUARTER DECK AND WALKING ABOUT,  
THERE IS THE SECOND MATE SO STEADY AND SO STOUT;  
WHAT HE IS A-THINKIN' OF HE DOESN'T KNOW HIMSELF  
AND WE WISH THAT HE WOULD HURRY UP AND STRIKE, STRIKE THE BELL.

refrein: hoge stemmen: **STRIKE THE BELL SECOND MATE, LET US GO BELOW;  
LOOK YA WELL TO WINDWARD YOU CAN SEE IT'S GONNA BLOW;  
OH OH OH**  
allen: **LOOK AT THE GLASS, YOU CAN SEE IT HAS FELL,  
OH WE WISH THAT YOU WOULD HURRY UP AND STRIKE, STRIKE THE BELL.**  
*intermezzo*

couplet 2: **DOWN** ON THE MAIN DECK AND WORKIN' AT THE PUMPS,  
THERE IS THE STARBOARD WATCH JUST LONGING FOR THEIR BUNKS;  
LOOK OUT TO WINDWARD, AND SEE A GREAT SWELL,  
AND WE WISH THAT YOU WOULD HURRY UP AND STRIKE, STRIKE THE BELL

*>> refrain en intermezzo*

couplet 3: **FORWARD** ON THE FOXEL HEAD AND KEEPIN' SHARP LOOKOUT,  
YONDER JOHNSON STANDIN', A-LONGIN' FER TO SHOUT,  
LIGHTS' A-BURNIN' BRIGHT SIR AND EVERYTHING IS WELL,  
AND HE'S WISHIN' THAT THE SECOND MATE WOULD STRIKE, STRIKE THE  
BELL.

*>> refrain en intermezzo*

couplet 4: **AFT** AT THE WHEELHOUSE OLD ANDERSON STANDS,  
GRASPIN' AT THE HELM WITH HIS FROSTBITTEN HANDS,  
LOOKIN' AT THE COMPASS THROUGH THE COURSE IS CLEAR AS HELL  
AND HE'S WISHIN' THAT THE SECOND MATE WOULD STRIKE, STRIKE THE  
BELL.

couplet 5: **AFT** ON THE QUARTER DECK OUR GALLANT CAPTAIN STANDS,  
STARIN' OUT TO SEA WITH A SPYGLASS IN HIS HAND,  
WHAT HE IS A-THINKIN' OF WE KNOW VERY WELL,  
HE'S THINKIN' MORE OF SHORTENIN' SAIL THAN STRIKIN' THE BELL.

*>> refrain*

