

duplet 1: IT WAS THE FIFTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER HOW WELL I DO REMEMBER
I NEARLY BROKE MY POOR OLD MOTTHER'S HEART
FOR I SHIPPED WITH CAPTAIN NIPPER IN A BIG FOUR MASTED CLIPPER
BOUND AWAY DOWN SOUTH FOR FOREIGN PARTS

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AND THE DEVIL OF A HURRICANE DID BLOW OH MY OH
IT NEARLY KNOCKED THE STUFFIN' FROM THE GOOD SHIP RAGAMUFFIN
AND WE THOUGHT TO THE BOTTOM WE SHOULD GO!

duplet 2: THEN WE HOISTED UP OUR ANCHOR AND WE SET OUR JIB AND SPANKER
AND THE PILOT TOOK US TO THE HARBOUR'S MOUTH
THEN FORM THE TUG WE PARTED AND OUR VOYAGE STARTED
WITH THE COMPASS HEADED EAST -NOR'- WEST BY SOUTH

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duplet 3: THEN THERE CAME A GOOD STIFF BREEZE THAT MADE THE OLD MAN SNEEZE
AND CARRIED AWAY THE SAILSON EVERY HAND
AND FORS EVEN LONG DAYS WE BORE IT WHILE RUNNING RIGHT A-FORE IT
THINKING WE SHOULD NEVER SEE THE LAND

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duplet 4: BUT THE SHIP GOT CAUGHT ABACK, AND THE STAYS BEGAN TO CRACK
AND A FOUT TOP GALLANT FORESAILS CARRIED AWAY
SO WE PUT THE HELM OVER
AND HEADED STRAIGHT FOR DOVER AND
AT LAST WE ANCHORED SAVE WITHIN THE BAY

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