



Down by the dockyard wall

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Just a boy of 17 said farewell to home
To sail across that mighty sea so far away to roam
She said that she would wait for him 'till he returned again
As the anchor chain came up and down he heard this soft refrain

*Down by the dockyard wall I will wait for you
As you come across that walk ashore in your suit of blue
My love for you will never die my heart is always true
Down by the dockyard wall I will wait for you*

Round the world he travelled beneath that Ensign high
He saw the south seas flying fish the star less arctic sky
But in his heart a pining for someone so far away
As the bow wave split the cool night air he heard the lee winds say

Chorus

Home again and the good times came her arms are open wide
And he held her safely close to him as she walked by his side
But dark clouds soon filled up the sky the sea it beckoned on
Once again the sad farewell the young girl stands alone

Chorus

Ah but that's a long long time ago and there's picture in a frame
And the tears shed every Christmas to see the memory is still the same
But if that young man in that photograph could hear what she has to say
He'd likely join her in the words she sings them every day

Chorus

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