

Wareham Whaler's Songbook

Ship Shape And Bristol Fashion

Traditional

Stow the cargo safe below
Ship shape and Bristol fashion
Before the stormy winds do blow
Now we're homeward bound.

Scrub the decks, let's have no moaning
Ship shape and Bristol fashion
On your knees and Holystoning
Now we're homeward bound.

Coil the ropes and store the cables
Ship shape and Bristol fashion
With oil and wax dress down the sails boys
Now we're homeward bound.

Pay the Devil, give him his due
Ship shape and Bristol fashion
And stop the water coming through
Now we're homeward bound.

Wash your clothes and make yourself neat
Ship shape and Bristol fashion
For the girls on shore we'll soon meet.
Now we're homeward bound.

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