Text: Tom Lewis

Music: Tom Lewis

1: Well, me father often told me when I was just a lad A sailor's life was very hard, the food was always bad. But now I've joined the navy, I'm aboard a man-o-war, And now I've found a sailor ain't a sailor any more.

Chorus: Don't haul on the rope, don't climb up the mast If you see a sailing ship it might be your last.

Just get your civies ready for another run ashore.
A sailor ain't a sailor anymore.

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Well, the killock of our mess he says we've had it soft It wasn't like this in his day when he was up aloft. We like our bunks and sleeping bags, but what's a hammock for? Swinging from the deckhead, or lying on the floor?

"lyseslukker"

hængekøje loftet

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3: Well, they gave us an engine that first went up and down, Then with more technology the engine went around. We know our steam and diesel, bur what's a mainyard for? A stoker ain't a stoker with a shovel anymore.

storrå fyrbøder

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4: Well, they gave us Aldiss lamp so we could do it right,
They gave us a radio, we signaled day and night.
We know our codes and cyphers, bur what's a semaphore?
A bunting-tosser doesn't toss the bunting anymore.

optisk telegraf signal gast / hejse signal

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5: Two cans of beer a day and that's your bleeding lot Now we get an extra one because they've stopped the tot. So we'll put on our civie clothes and find a pub ashore A sailor's still a sailor just like he was before.

det er alt, hvad du får / dram

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Short interval - 3 seconds

Chorus: A sailor's still a sailor just like he was before.

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