


Big Lil



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Well, the trawlermen of Hull are facing danger on the deep,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
They're freezing off the Faeroes while the owners lie asleep,
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

When you're on the North Atlantic and you need a helping hand,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
You can whistle for a doctor, it's a thousand miles to land,
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

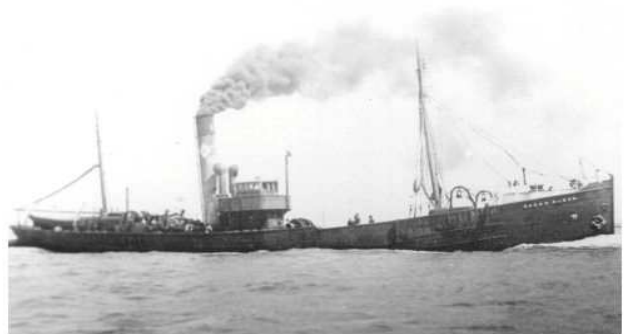
There's all sorts of safety gear to see them through the night,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
But there's no-one to check the gear and see it works alright
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

So we started a petition, seeking safety for our men,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
We've ten thousand signatures to take to Number Ten,
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

Some say let the men do the work for which they're skilled,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
But to stay at home and wait for our menfolk to get killed,
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

So we travelled down to London with our papers in a sack,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
The trawler owners laughed and said we'd soon be comin' back,
Well that ain't good enough says Big Lil.

The men from the Ministry they didn't know what to say,
Our husbands and our sons are out there still,
But they gave us what we asked for, so that we would go away,
And I guess that's good enough says Big Lil.



Written by request for a native of Hull. In 1968, after the loss of three trawlers with all hands, Lillian 'Big Lil' Bilocca, daughter, wife and mother of trawlermen, started a campaign to improve safety legislation for the fishing fleet. Despite initial scepticism, she eventually got what she wanted from Harold Wilson's government.