

NO MAN OF MINE
(Dave Evardson)

No man of mine shall go to sea
And risk his life for someone's tea
To toil in constant jeopardy
A hostage to the gale
To haul for shoals where ice is king
In hopes of riches home to bring
And leave his family worrying
No man of mine shall sail!

When I was five, my Mam & me
Went down to wave Dad off to sea
Not knowing he would never be
Returning home again
My brother John was brave & strong
And proud to be our father's son
But when he said: I'm signing on
Our Ma she told him plain:

Twas in the dance hall by & by
A handsome young man caught my eye
He smiled at me, though he was shy
And asked me up to dance
His shiny shoes, his hardened hands
His pleated suit & baggy pants
Betrayed him as a trawlerman
So I coldly said: No chance!

Twas then that he turned on the charm
And said one dance could do no harm
So I got up & took his arm
Enchanted by his smile
My heart was young & knew no fear
As fortune called me down the years
And I forgot my Mother's tears
When we walked down the aisle

With lonely nights I've had to pay
The weeks my husband's been away
Then when he's home, such happy days
And he's a skipper now
But we've been favoured, he & I
And when my sons declare they'll try
A spell at sea, well that's when I
Recall my Mother's vow.

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