

## **The Skipper** [ðʌ 'skɪp.ə]

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**A skipper am I, no danger can**  
[ʌ 'skɪp.ər æm a:I no:ʊ 'de:ɪn.dʒə kæn]

**My ardent, my ardent spirit daunt,**  
[ma:I 'ɑɹ.dənt ma:I 'ɑɹ.dənt 'spɪr.ɪt dɔnt]

As I guide my craft o'er the deep blue sea,  
No fears my conscience haunt.

Tho' storms arise and rend the skies,  
What matters it to me?  
My life is as free as the wind that blows,  
For my home is on the sea.  
Yo ho! Yo ho! Yo ho!

### *Chorus*

Then give me a right good craft and crew,  
And I'll contented be;  
For there's no tack in the wide, wide world,  
Like a life on the rolling sea!

But tho' I love to brave the storm,  
My heart, my heart with joy will beat  
When from the deck I see the land  
Where Poll and I will meet.

She's just the lass for a sailor's wife,  
Faithful as can be;  
For come what may, she'll ne'er betray  
Her skipper on the sea...

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*Thank you!*

