

TEN THOUSAND MILES AWAY

With a new verse and other revisions
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Sing ho! for a brave an' a gallant ship,
An' a fast an' fav'rin' breeze,
Wi' a bully crew an' a cap'n too
To carry me over the seas;
To carry me over the seas, me boys,
To my true love far away,
For I'm takin' a trip on a Government ship
Ten thousand miles away.

Chorus:

*Then blow, ye winds hi ho!
A-rovin' I will go.
I'll stay no more on England's shore
To hear the music play
I'm off on the morning train,
To cross the ragin' main
I'm takin' a trip on a Government ship
Ten thousand miles away.*

My true love she wuz beautiful,
An' my true love she wuz gay,
But she's taken a trip on a Government ship
Bound for Botany Bay,
Bound out to Botany Bay, m'boys,
An' though she's far away,
She's my turtle dove, me own true love,
Ten thousand miles away!

Chorus

It was a morning very grand
When last I saw my Meg
She'd a Government band around each hand
An' another one round her leg
Oh, another one round her leg, m'boys
As the big ship left the bay,
"Adieu," sez she, "remember me,
Ten thousand miles away!"

Chorus

Oh, I wish I wuz a bosun bold
Or a sailor widout fear
I'd man a boat and away I'd float
An' straight for me true love steer;
An' straight for me true love steer, m'boys
Where the whales an' dolphins play,
Where the whales an' sharks are havin' their
larks
Ten thousand miles away.

Chorus

My true love will be hard to find
My love has oceans crossed
But where e'r I go, I do know
That she is never lost
No, she is never lost, m'boys
For my love does constant stay
I'll cross the main and break her chains
Ten thousand miles away

Chorus