

Port o' Many Ships

John Masefield arr. Lynn Noel

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are: "It's a sun-ny plea-sant an-cho-rage, is 'King-dom Come,'" "Whe-re crews is al-ways lay-in' aft for dou-ble tots o 'rum," "'N' there's dan- cin' n' fid-dl-in' of ev-ery kind o' sort," "It's a fine place for sai-lor men is that there port." "And I wish (oh I wish), I wish as I was there."

The winds is never nothin' more than jest light airs,
 'N' no-one gets belayin'-pinned, 'n' no-one never swears
 yer free to loaf and laze around, yer pipe atween yer lips
 Lollin' on the fo'c'sle, sonny, lookin' at the ships
 'N' I wish, (oh I wish,) I wish as I was there.

For ridin' in the anchorage the ships of all the world
 Have got one anchor down and all sails furled
 W: All the sunken hookers and the crews as took 'n' died
 They lays there merry, sonny, swingin' with the tide
 'N' I wish, (oh I wish,) I wish as I was there.

Drowned old wooden hookers green wi' drippin' wrack
 Ships as never fetched to port, as never came back
 Swingin' to the blushin' tide, dippin' to the swell,
 N' the crews all singin' sonny, beatin' on the bell
 'N' I wish, (oh I wish,) I wish as I was there.