Man The Life-boat - song lyrics

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MAN THE LIFE-BOAT.

Man the life-boat! man the life-boat!
Help! or you ship is lost;
Man the life-boat! man the life-bout!
See how she's tempest-toss'd.
No human power in such an hour.
The gallant bark jean save;
Her mainmast's gone, and hurrying on,
She seeks a watery grave.

Man the life-boat! man the life-boat!
See the dreadful signal flies;
Ha! she has struck, and from the rock
Despairing shouts arise.
And one there stands and wrings his hands,
Amidst the tempest wild;
For on the beach he cannot reach,
He sees his wife and child.

Life-saving ark! yon doomed bark
Immortal souls doth bear;
Not gems, nor gold, nor wealth untold,
But men, brave men, are there!
Oh, speed the life-boat, speed the life-boat,
Oh, God! their efforts crown!
She dashes on-the ship is gone
Full forty fathoms down.

Ah, see! the crew are struggling now,
Amidst the billow! roar;
They're in the boat, they're all afloat.
Hurrah! they've gain'd the shore.
Bless the life-boat, bless the life-boat,
Oh, thou'lt hear our prayer!
Bless the life-boat, bless the life-boat!
No longer we'll despair.