

EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRUST

Vaughan Williams' Folk

Homeward Bound

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To Liverpool Docks we bid adieu
To Suk and Sall and Kitty too
Our anchor's weighed
Our sail's unfurled
We're bound to cross the wat'ry world

Chorus:

Don't you see we're homeward bound?
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And when our three years they are out
'tis jolly near time we went about
And when we're home and once more free
O Won't we have a jolly spree?

Chorus

The wind blows from the East nor East
Our ship will sail ten knots at least
The purser will our wants supply
So while we live we'll never say die

Chorus

And should we touch at Malabar
Or any other port so far
The purser he will tip the chink
And just like fishes we will drink

Chorus

When we arrive at the Dog and Bell
The very best liquor they do sell
In comes the landlord with a smile
Saying "Drink up lads! It's worth your while"

Chorus



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