

The Eddystone Light

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A comic seafaring folk song. This is originally an English music hall song published in the mid nineteenth century.

The Eddystone Lighthouse can be found in Cornwall the West country, England. It was popularized in the 1950's by Burl Ives. Not sure who wrote the moral of the tale!

Find Alan's version at:

[Eddystone Light - nautical fun in an amusing old folk song \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



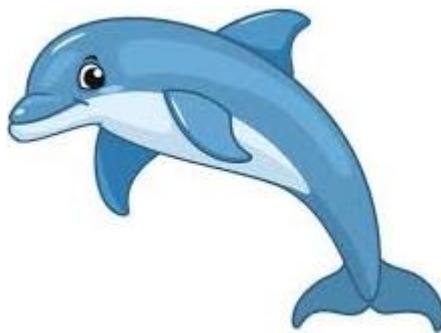
My fa - ther was the keep - er of the Ed - dy - stone Light, He slept with a mer - maid



one fine night. Out of this un - ion there came three: A had - dock, a por - poise and the oth - er one me!



Yo ho ho, let the wind blow free. Oh, for the life on the roll - ing sea! —



My father was the keeper of the Eddystone Light,
He slept with a mermaid one fine night.

Out of this union there came three:
A haddock, a porpoise and the other one me!

*Chorus: Yo ho ho, let the wind blow free,
Oh, for the life on the rolling sea!*

Late one night I was trimming of the glim,
Singing a verse from the evening hymn,
A voice on the starboard shouted "Ahoy!"
And there was my mother, a-sitting on a buoy.

Chorus

"Oh, what has become of my children three?"

My mother then she asked of me.
One was exhibited as a talking fish,
The other was served on a chafing dish.

Chorus

Then the phosphorous flashed in her seaweed hair.

I looked again and my mother wasn't there
But her voice came echoing out of the night,
"The devil take the keeper of the Eddystone Light!"

Chorus

Oh, the moral of this story you'll learn when you find,
To leave God's creatures for what nature had in mind.
For fishes are for cookin' and mermaids are for tales,
And seaweed is for sushi and protecting is for whales!

Chorus: Yo ho ho, let the wind blow free,

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