

# Stan Rogers, The Wreck Of The Athens Queen

We were drinking down to Reedy's house  
When first we heard the blow  
It seemed to come from Ripper Rock  
So boldly forth to go

And sure enough the rusty tub  
Could just be barely seen  
As her stern was high up in the air  
We made out Athens Queen

O, the lovely Athens Queen

Me boys I must remind you  
There's a bottle left inside  
So let us go and have a few  
And wait until low tide

And if the sea's not claimed her  
When the glasses are licked clean  
We will then set forth some dories lads  
And see what may be seen

On the lovely Athens Queen

Some songs and old tall stories then  
Came out to pass the time  
Nor could a single bottle  
Keep us all until low tide

And so it was before we left  
The house we were at sea  
So we scarcely can remember  
How we made the Athens Queen

O, the lovely Athens Queen

O the waves inside me belly  
Were as high as those outside  
And though I'm never seasick I  
lost dinner overside

T'was well there was no crew to save  
For we'd have scared 'em green  
We could scarcely keep ourselves  
From falling off the Athens Queen

O, the lovely Athens Queen

Well Reedy goes straight down below  
And comes up with a cow  
Hello I said now what would you  
Be wantin' with that now

You'll never take the cow home  
In a dory on such sea  
Well me friend he says I've always fancied  
Fresh cream in me tea

For the lovely Athens Queen

I headed for the galley then  
Cause I was rather dry  
And glad I was to get there quick  
For what should I spy

O what a shame it would have been  
For to lose it all at sea  
Forty cases of the best Napolean  
Brandy ever seen

On the lovely Athens Queen

I loaded twenty cases boys  
Then headed for the shore  
Unloaded them as quick as that  
And then pulled back for more

Smith was pullin' for the shore  
But he could scarce be seen  
Under near two hundred chickens  
And a leather couch of green

From the lovely Athens Queen

So here's to all good salvagers  
Likewise to Ripper Rock  
And to Napolean brandy of which  
Now we have much stock

We eat a lot of chicken  
And sit on a couch of green  
And we wait for Ripper Rock  
To claim another Athens Queen

O, the lovely Athens Queen