

# FIRE DOWN BELOW!

for T.B.B. voices and piano\*

Verse 1 Lyrics: Traditional  
All Other Lyrics by JAY ALTHOUSE

Traditional Sea Chantey  
Arranged by JAY ALTHOUSE

Brightly (♩ = ca. 112-116)

TENOR

BARITONE  
BASS

PIANO

*f*

Brightly (♩ = ca. 112-116)

5

*unis. or solo mf*

There's

F

*mf*

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fire fire up a - loft, there's fire fire down be - low.  
 fire fire on the til - ler, on the mast. *unis. or solo*

F B $\flat$  F C $^7$

13

1. *mf*  
 Fire in the gal - ley, the cook, he did - n't know. There's  
 Fire on the dodg - er, so hold the main - s'l

F B $\flat$  F/C C $^7$  1. F

17

2. *tutti f* 18  
 fast. Yo ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be -

2. F B $\flat$ /F F F/A

21

low. So fetch a buck-et of wa-ter, boys, there's fire down be-

C F F/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup>

25

low. There's

*mf*

F *mf*

30

fire in the lock-er, fire on the sole.  
fire on the stay-s'l, bet-ter take a look.

F B<sup>b</sup> F C<sup>7</sup>

34

1. *mf*

Fire in the laz - a - rette, and up a-head's a shoal. There's  
 Fire in the fo'c - s'l, so sail - or drop the

*mf*

F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> 1. F

38

2. *f* 39

hook. Yo ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be -

*f*

2. F B<sup>b</sup>/F F F/A

42

low. So fetch a buck - et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be -

C F F/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup>

46

low. There's  
*mf*

F

*mf*

51

*mf*

fire on the miz-zen, — fire on the boom. So  
fire in the rig-ging, — fire on the yard. The

F B<sup>b</sup> F C<sup>7</sup>

55

1.

keep the can - vas wet, my boys, and live — to be a groom. There's  
cook, he jumped clear off the deck with twen-ty - five pounds of *mf*

F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> 1. F

59 2. *f* 60

lard! Yo ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be -

2. F B<sup>b</sup>/F F F/A

63

low. So fetch a buck - et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be -

C F F/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup>

67

low. There's

F N.C. F/C C Dsus D

72

fire in the jen - ny, fire in the bunk. Un -

G C G D7

76

less we keep an e - ven keel, this ship is sure - ly sunk. There's

G C G/D D7 G

80

fire on the pul - pit, \_\_\_\_\_ but that's not what I

C G/B G

85

dread. The on - ly fire that I fear

D G G/B C

90

is fire in the head! Yo

G/D D7 G

94

ho! Yo ho! There's fire down be - low. So

G C/G G G/B D



98

1.

fetch a buck-et of wa - ter, boys, there's fire down be - low. Yo

G G/F 1. C/E C G/D D7 G

102

2.

wa - ter, boys, there's fire

2. C/E Am7 G/D

**ff** 105

106

down be - low.

Dsus D7 G G/F

**ff**

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110

Fire down be - low! Yo ho!

C Cm/E<sup>b</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

### Glossary of Nautical Terms used in this song

- Boom: Poles (or spars) projecting from a mast.  
 Bunk: Sleeping quarters.  
 Dodger: The sheltering canvas cover for a hatch.  
 Fo'c's'l: (*forecastle*) The deck in front of the fore mast.  
 Galley: The kitchen or cooking area.  
 Head: The lavatory.  
 Hook: The anchor.  
 Jenny: A large forward sail.  
 Lazarette: A storage locker, usually in the stern.  
 Locker: The place where personal belongings are stored.  
 Mains'l: (*mainsail*) The principal sail on the main mast.  
 Mizzen: (*mizzenmast*) The third mast from forward in a ship with three or more masts.  
 Pulpit: A safety rail extending around the bow or stern.  
 Rigging: Ropes used to support and work the masts and sails.  
 Shoal: A sandbank or sand bar in shallow water.  
 Sole: The floor of the cabin interior.  
 Stays'l: (*staysail*) A triangular sail fastened on a stay (a supporting wire for a mast).  
 Tiller: A bar or lever used to turn the rudder.  
 Yard: A spar fastened at right angles across a mast and used to support a sail.