

## Chorus of Shipbuilders

The sound of the hammer and steel!  
The song of the level and line!  
The whirr of the whistling wheel!  
The ring of the axe on the pine!

The joy of the ended labour,  
As the good ship plunges free  
By sound of pipe and tabor  
To front the sparkling sea!

The mystery-woven spell!  
The voyage of golden gain!  
The free full sails that swell  
On the swell of the splendid main!

The song of the axe and the wedge!  
The clang of the hammer and chain!  
Keen whistle of chisel and edge!  
Smooth swish of the sliding plane!

Hail to the honour of toil!  
Hail! to the ship flown free!  
Hail! to the golden spoil,  
And the glamour of all the sea!