

Big Ship Sailed, The

1. The big ship sailed on the Al - ly, Al - ly O, the Al - ly, Al - ly O, the
Al - ly, Al - ly O. The big ship sailed on the Al - ly, Al - ly O, on the
last day of Sep - - tem - - ber. A - - lly, Al - ly O. A - - lly, Al - ly O.
On the last day of Sep - - tem - - ber.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth staff starts with a 2/4 time signature change and ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

2. The Captain said it will never, never do, etc.

Directions: All in a line with joined hands. Person at one end of the line holds onto the wall-bars with one hand, whilst the rest of the line snakes around and goes under their arm. This continues until everyone has their arms crossed, forming a chain.

Source: Sung by Christine Organ and children at Sharpness County Primary School in the early 1980s.
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